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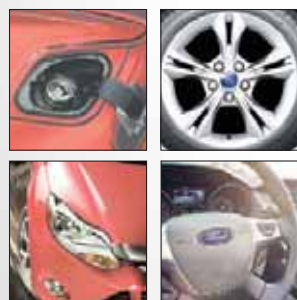
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Police released this composite sketch of a male suspect in relation to a series of sexual assaults in downtown and south Ottawa in April. COURTESY OF OTTAWA POLICE SERVICE

Cops hope sketch will catch creep

Suspect. Man linked to eight incidents between April 14-27

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Police released a composite sketch Wednesday of a man they suspect has sexually assaulted several women in downtown Ottawa in the last month.

Police said there have been seven incidents where

a man approached a woman from behind and pulled her pants down. In another incident, a man followed a woman into a school.

Insp. John McGetrick said police are confident the suspect in the school incident is the same one who inappropriately touched two other women in the same area the same morning.

The eight incidents occurred between April 14 and 27, police said.

McGetrick is hoping the release of the sketch will help the investigation.

"It's an important step to

get this person identified," he said.

The suspect is described as a white male, 20 to 30 years old, five feet six inches tall, average to medium build with short dark hair, dark eyes, wearing a dark hooded jacket, and in some instances a dark baseball cap.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Ottawa Police Service tip-line section at 613-236-1222, extension 5760, or Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477 (TIPS) or 1-800-222-8477.

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Award-winning teen takes on nationals for cancer research

Discovery. High school student figures out how a cancer-fighting drug might be working



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A 17-year-old student at Kanata's All Saints Catholic High School is turning heads with her cancer-fighting research done at the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute.

Last Thursday, Romina Hassanzadeh took home first prize and three other awards at the regional Sanofi BioGENEius Challenge, netting her more than \$3,000.

Come Monday, her work will go up against that of 12 other students from across Canada during finals at the National Research Council's headquarters in Ottawa.

"My mom's aunt died of breast cancer and that's part of the reason I started this project," said Hassanzadeh, who first entered the competition in Grade 9.

Her work examined the effect the drug echinomycin

has on breast-cancer cells and found that, compared to untreated cancerous cells, treatment led to lower levels of an enzyme that protects cancer cells and allows them to multiply rapidly.

"Romina's results are preliminary, but offer new understanding of how this drug might work," said her mentor Dr. Ian Lorimer, senior scientist of cancer therapeutics at the OHRI.

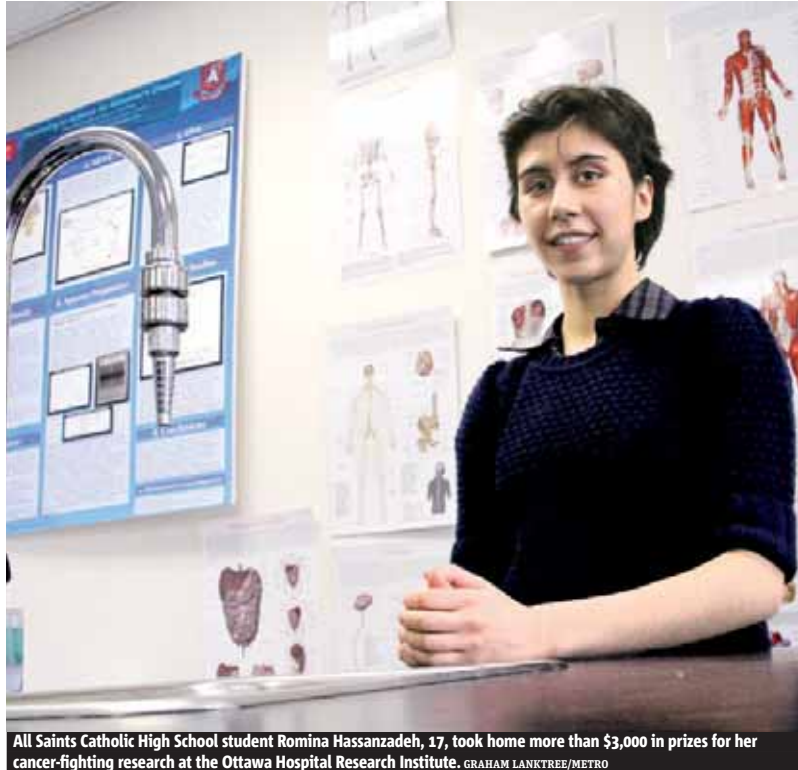
"I was surprised. I wasn't expecting the first place award," Hassanzadeh said of her win.

Yet she shouldn't be surprised said her mother, Roya Pasha, noting that she would regularly drive her daughter to the OHRI lab after she had finished a full day of school.

"The competition has given me more confidence in myself and what a high school student is able to do," Hassanzadeh said.

The teen said shed plans on attending the University of Ottawa biomedicine program in the fall.

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All Saints Catholic High School student Romina Hassanzadeh, 17, took home more than \$3,000 in prizes for her cancer-fighting research at the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

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Man pleads guilty in fatal bus-stop crash



Simon Banke METRO

A 22-year-old Ottawa man who in 2010 drove a car into and killed a married couple waiting at a temporary bus stop pleaded guilty Wednesday to dangerous driving causing death.

Simon Banke entered the plea in relation to the Sept. 16, 2010, crash that killed Sherrienne and Leo Paul Regnier, orphaning their three daughters — Isabella, Jessica and Sarah.

The couple were returning

home from an evening out and were waiting at a bus stop on Albert Street.

Banke reportedly admitted in court to squealing his sports car's tires and driving at a high speed before the crash.

The Crown is said to be seeking a "significant prison term."

At the time of the incident, the couple's family and friends remembered the Regniers as close.

"Paul and Sherrienne were a loving couple, amazing parents and good friends to anyone fortunate enough to have met them," Leo's brother, Dan Lasalle, told Metro at the time. "They were one another's yin-yang."

"They were my super-heroes."

Banke is said by his defence lawyer to be profoundly remorseful. Banke is slated to return to court for a sentencing hearing Sept. 5. METRO



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Ottawa's Daniel Alfredsson shakes hands with New York's John Mitchell last Thursday after the Rangers defeated the Senators 2-1 in Game 7 of their playoff series. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Petition urges Alfie to give it one more shot

Senators. Started on the weekend, the petition has gained 296 signatures so far, with the aim of reaching 11,000 to reflect team captain's No. 11 jersey



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Ottawans still love the Sens, and most of all they love the team's captain, Daniel Alfredsson.

So much so that one man has launched a petition asking Alfredsson to return to the ice after catching wind that he might not be back

next year.

"He didn't come out and say it," said Michael Beveridge, who started the petition, "but he's had a major injury and he's one of these guys who has played 16 seasons for the same team. So he might be thinking of getting out."

Alfredsson is the glue that holds the team together, Beveridge added.

"With all the new players coming up through the minors, they see this modern-day version of a player who has become part of the community," he said. "He's put roots down and done a lot of fundraising in the community."

On Tuesday, head coach Paul MacLean told Hockey Night in Canada Radio hosts that even if Alfredsson chooses to leave the ice, he

will stay with the team in some capacity.

"One thing we do know for sure is Daniel's going to be (with the Senators)," said MacLean. "Whether he's playing, or he's on the bench with me, or he's in the office with (Ottawa general manager) Bryan Murray, Daniel's going to be here and he's going to be a big part of helping us continue to build this program."

The 39-year-old Alfredsson is set to play for Sweden at the world hockey championship starting this Friday, and has so far said that he will take the summer to decide whether he will return to the NHL.

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Gatineau. Protesters keep CEGEP classes from resuming

About 300 student protesters celebrated a victory outside the CEGEP de l'outaouais in Gatineau after the school was forced to cancel classes again.

Classes at the CEGEP were set to resume today, but protesters who oppose their provincial government's plan to hike post-secondary tuition fees have once again disrupted the school's operations.

Protesters said they will send two students to go to the school and sit down with administration.

"We're going to talk, we're going to see what they're going to do, but it's not a negotiation table," said Jacob, a protester who only gave his first name. "We're just going to talk — a courtesy call, basically."

He said if the school tries to resume classes again tomorrow, protesters will be back to stop them. He hopes that will put more pressure on the Quebec government to listen to their demands for better access to education.

A Quebec court injunction that ordered classes to resume is a "disrespect to democracy," Jacob said.

"It's irresponsible that the court (is) coming in. It had nothing to do with



Protesters cheer after the CEGEP de l'outaouais was forced to cancel classes Wednesday after a crowd of about 300 people flooded the front entrances. JOE LOFARO/METRO

them."

There doesn't seem to be an end in sight to the protests at college campuses across Quebec, which started in March, and the students at CEGEP de l'outaouais have the support of teachers in their fight.

Nicole Gaboury, a French teacher at the school, said all the teachers are behind the students.

"I'm with the movement of the students," said Gaboury, standing next to students at the protest Wednesday.

Students have been missing classes for several weeks, but Gaboury said they are still learning about democracy and justice.

It's up to Quebec Premier Jean Charest to put an end to the protests, she added.

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Councillor declares war on wayward shopping carts

Pilot project.

Abandoned 'wild buggies' a menace to neighbourhoods, Tim Tierney warns



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Coun. Tim Tierney announced a new plan Tuesday for corralling #wild- buggies — a pilot project that will see him try to stop abandoned shopping carts from rolling wild through his ward.

The tech-savvy councillor for the Beacon Hill-Cyrville ward began his day by snapping photos of the abandoned carts he encountered on the way to city hall and tweeting them with the hashtag #wildbuggies. He found about 20.

Tierney says the issue of abandoned shopping carts is a serious one — they're a visual blight on neighbourhoods and they can be a traffic hazard if they roll

onto the road.

"Obviously, I'm passionate about this issue," he said at the transportation committee meeting Tuesday.

Tierney and Rideau-Vanier councillor Mathieu Fleury committed to a one-year pilot program during which they will talk with merchants about finding ways to secure their carts, and Service Ottawa will begin keeping track of the carts picked up by city staff.

He had initially asked staff to come up with a bylaw to fine merchants when the city picks up their loose carts.

Even though city staff estimates city crews pick up 1,400 to 1,500 shopping carts a year, the legal department recommended against fining merchants for the time being.

However, if the problem doesn't abate in Tierney's ward over the next year, he'll be pushing for a bylaw with fines.

"I will be keeping my finger on the pulse of these wild buggies," he said.



Coun. Tim Tierney tweeted this photo of a shopping cart at the edge of St. Laurent Boulevard on Wednesday morning. TWITTER.COM: TIM TIERNEY

Carling Ave. makes CAA's yearly list of worst roads

Ottawa's Carling Avenue has made a top 10 list, but it's not exactly a glamorous one.

In the Canadian Automobile Association's annual list of Ontario's Worst Roads, Carling Avenue came in seventh place out of 10 roads in the province.

Five Toronto streets made

the top 10 list, with Dufferin Street ranked as the worst in Ontario.

During a four-week campaign, CAA registered nearly 10,000 online votes from across the province.

"Voters from across the province have expressed their frustrations about the condi-

tion of the roads in their community," Faye Lyons, government relations specialist, CAA South Central Ontario, said in a release.

"Whether it is congestion, potholes or traffic lights, the public wants to see improvements made to these roads by local municipalities."

The worst-roads campaign has served as an incentive for municipalities to deal with long-neglected infrastructure, often resulting in roads being repaired after they appeared on the list.

This was the sixth time Toronto's Dufferin Street has made the list, but its first time at the top.

CAA says the vote was quite close, with Bunting Road in St. Catharines ranking second and Burlington Street East in Hamilton a close third.

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Top Ten Worst Roads

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| 2 Bunting Road (St. Catharines) | 7 Carling Avenue (Ottawa) |
| 3 Burlington Street East (Hamilton) | 8 Finch Avenue West (Toronto) |
| 4 Stanley Avenue (Niagara Falls) | 9 Kingston Road (Toronto) |
| 5 Kraft Creek Road (Timmins) | 10 Bayview Avenue (Toronto) |

SIU investigation

Man dies following police shooting in community near Brockville

A 33-year-old man is dead following a shooting involving OPP officers in

Maitland, just outside of Brockville, Wednesday morning.

OPP said they responded to a dispute at a residence on Concession Road 2 in Augusta Township at 12:45 a.m.

When they arrived, they were notified that the man had already fled the residence. A canine unit assisted officers in the search.

At about 6:45 a.m., offi-

cers went to the residence again as the man had returned and was armed.

OPP said shots were fired and the man died as a result of his injuries at the scene.

Ontario's Special Investigations Unit (SIU) says there was "an interaction" between officers and the man and he was fatally shot by police.

The SIU is investigating. **METRO**

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As Ottawa grows it will have to go up and stick close to transit hubs, politicians and developers say



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Ottawa will get taller and taller towers as the city builds a light-rail line — but not as tall as a 42-storey mixed-use tower planned by Claridge Homes for a site near Dow's Lake, the developer says.

"Will you see higher buildings in relation to the LRT corridor? Yes. But not necessarily this tall," Claridge Homes vice-president Neil Malhotra said on Wednesday.

The company released drawings of a 42-storey mixed-use building at Carling Avenue and Preston Street near Dow's Lake that show commercial space on the first floor, a few floors of office space and a set-back residential tower that reaches into the sky.

Malhotra's company is working on tall, dense projects along the LRT line, but the 42-storey tower — if approved by the city — will likely be the tallest because the land is a "unique" space, he said.

Cumberland councillor Stephen Blais, who sits on both the transportation and planning committees, says very tall towers will be more com-



A concept drawing made public on Wednesday by Claridge Homes depicts the developer's proposed 42-storey mixed-use tower on Preston Street. CONTRIBUTED/CLARIDGE HOMES

mon in Ottawa as developers and city planners move to densify the areas around the transit hubs.

"The idea has always been to have density around the transit stations," Blais said. "We're building the LRT not just for our needs now, but into the future."

Blais says the city is already working toward that end by

writing community design plans so development around the transit hubs can keep pace with LRT construction, which is scheduled to be operational in 2018.

"When we're talking about larger buildings, this can be a four-, five-, six-year process," he said. "We've got to get a move on."

The buildings will likely

be tall — because to get "the best bang for our buck" on the transit system, many people should be living and working near the hubs, he said.

"We need to grow as a city.

If we want to avoid growing outward, we have to go up."

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Animal-cruelty charges. Authorities step in after pit bull found starving

An Ottawa woman is facing an animal-cruelty charge after city bylaw officers picked up her "emaciated" dog believing it was a stray, the Ottawa Humane Society said Wednesday.

The eight-year-old female pit bull mix was "severely emaciated with generalized muscle wastage" when it was found by bylaw officers and turned over to the Ottawa Humane Society (OHS), a spokesperson said. The society recognized the dog and sent an agent to the owner's home to confront her about the dog's condition.

"It's horrible to think of how this dog suffered, slowly starving while her owner took no notice," OHS inspector Miriam Smith said. "Owners must take responsibility for their pets and

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"It's horrible to think of how this dog suffered, slowly starving while her owner took no notice."

Miriam Smith, Ottawa Humane Society

provide food, water, shelter and veterinary care — it's the law."

The owner turned the dog over to the OHS, which euthanized it to stop its suffering, the spokesperson said.

The owner, Cheryl Rockstuhl, is charged with one count of cruelty. The society's allegations have not been proved in court.

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Ottawa Comiccon

Beedabeeba dabeep! Here is what's up, Buck!

Ottawa Comiccon organizers announced new celebs will be beaming down to the nation's capital with appearances by Star Trek: The Next Generation's android Lieutenant Commander Data, Brent Spiner, and Commander Deanna Troi, Marina Sirtis, as well as Chuck's Colonel John Casey, Adam Baldwin, and Buck Rogers' Colonel Wilma Deering, Erin Gray. **METRO**



Brent Spiner in character as Data.
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Pink Triangle gala

LGBT community centre to host benefit gala

Ottawa's queer community centre Pink Triangle Services will hold its annual fundraising gala — Fusion: Light and Dark Party — on May 10 at the LAGO Bar-Grill-View at Dow's Lake. Organizers say the shindig for the city's gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans, two-spirited, queer community allies will be attended by several dignitaries including Paul Dewar, the MP for Ottawa Centre, and Mayor Jim Watson. Both are longtime supporters of PTS, said Claudia Van den Heuvel, the group's executive director. Tickets for the PTS gala are available at Venus Envy, Wilde's and PTS, or online at pts-gala2012.eventbrite.com. **METRO**

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Mom denies taking 5-year-old to tanning bed



Patricia Krentcil, 44, left, stands with her lawyer John Caruso.
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New Jersey. Salon owner said the child visited facility with her mother, but didn't go into tanning bed

A woman whose own skin is deeply bronze-coloured from regular visits to a tanning salon has been accused of taking her five-year-old daughter into a tanning booth in violation

of state law, burning the girl's skin.

Through her attorney, Patricia Krentcil, 44, of Nutley, entered a plea of not guilty Wednesday in Superior Court to a charge of child endangerment. New Jersey law bars anyone under 14 from using a tanning salon.

Prior to the hearing, Krentcil called the accusation a lie.

"It's all made up," she said.

She said her daughter, who was five at the time of the al-

leged incident in mid-April and has since turned six, got sunburned by being outside on an unseasonably warm day. She said her daughter, however, had mentioned to school officials when she complained of itching that she had been to a tanning salon with her mother.

Krentcil had told various TV stations her daughter was in the room at the salon but not in the stand-up tanning booth.

Police in Nutley told The

Bond

\$2,500

Krentcil remained free on a \$2,500 cash bond. She is scheduled to make her next court appearance on June 4.

Nutley Sun newspaper they were called to the child's school April 24 because the kindergartner was in pain from a "pretty severe sunburn." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Britain. Intelligence agencies may have played role in spy's death: Coroner

Even after a coroner's verdict, it remains a mystery: A naked spy found dead in a locked bag, lurid details of a kinky sex life and allegations that someone in Britain's spy agencies may have been involved in his death.

A British coroner ruled Wednesday that another person was likely involved in Gareth Williams' death — a finding that puts more pressure on police to uncover the cyber-warfare expert's killer and continue to investigate possibilities that include whether he could have died in a sex game gone awry or in a more sinister scenario that involved his counterterrorism work.

In Britain, coroners are asked to investigate unexplained deaths, and their findings can often carry weight as police investigations proceed.

Although Coroner Fiona Wilcox said it was unlikely that the death of Williams, 31, will ever be "satisfactorily explained," she said the spy was likely killed either by suffocation or poisoning in a "criminally meditated act." She also said it was possible that someone from one of Britain's spy agencies was involved.

Williams, described as



British intelligence official
Gareth Williams

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an introverted math genius, worked for Britain's secret eavesdropping service GCHQ. But he was attached to the MI6 foreign spy agency when his remains were found in the bathtub at his London apartment on Aug. 16, 2010, just a few days after returning from a trip to the United States.

Forensic experts found some \$32,000 US worth of luxury women's clothing, shoes and wigs in his apartment. Police also discovered that he had visited bondage and sadomasochism websites, including some related to claustrophobia — a desire for confinement in enclosed spaces. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Crime

Elders put off by elder-abuse commercial, study says

A proposed tough-on-crime TV spot about elder abuse proved a little too creepy for seniors, new documents show.

Focus groups found the 30-second commercial, which featured an elderly woman inspecting a police lineup of suspected fraudsters, to be "off-putting/frightening."

Market-research firm

Ipsos Reid urged the Department of Human Resources to use another, less unsettling ad.

"In borrowing of the symbols of law and order, the ad led participants down the wrong path," the company wrote in its February report.

"The criminalization might actually deter seniors from reporting abuse out of fear of losing their loved ones or needed caregivers. Police presence might be a deterrent for seniors from different cultural backgrounds."

Ipsos Reid ran 11 focus groups in Vancouver, Montreal, Halifax and London, Ont., last November.

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Video. Judge grants bail to cabbie after witnesses describe alleged run-down

A judge has granted bail to a Montreal cabbie charged in an alleged hit-and-run that is making the rounds in a gruesome video on the Internet.

Judge Jean-Pierre Boyer called Guercy Edmond's four-day detention scandalous and unnecessary.

But Edmond, 47, is forbidden from working in certain areas and from having contact with three people involved in last weekend's altercation.

Scores of fellow taxi drivers crowded around the courthouse, honking their horns in support of Edmond.

Inside, they pushed and jostled to be able to hear the case.

An overflow room had to be opened for the large group.

The court heard that witnesses told police an altercation over a fare around 4 a.m. turned hostile and the accused tried running over the victim, Benoit Kapelli.

The scene was videotaped and posted online.

But police say Edmond tried mowing down the victim even before the cameras started rolling.

According to testimony, the issue of race came up dur-



A sign of support is posted on a windscreen as taxi drivers gather outside a Montreal court.

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ing the dispute. There was allegedly a verbal exchange during the ride about rituals like voodoo and female genital mutilation.

Edmond is Haitian. The three passengers were white.

During the argument, Edmond claims he was struck by Kapelli inside the cab.

Later, before eyewitnesses began filming, Edmond is alleged to have tossed a bottle at the passengers.

Edmond is charged with aggravated assault, assault with a weapon, hit-and-run and dangerous driving.

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Convicted murderer Ronald Smith becomes emotional during his Montana clemency hearing Wednesday. MICHAEL GALLACHER/THE MISSOULIAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Killer weeps as sis pleads for his life

Washing ashore

Harley-Davidson motorbike floats from Japan to B.C. after tsunami

Call it the Harley of the high seas.

A rust-encrusted Harley-Davidson motorcycle, made buoyant by the container in which it was stored, has washed up on an island off British Columbia after it was lost in last year's tsunami in Japan.

It floated over the 6,400 kilometres after the devastating wave washed across

the Japanese shoreline in March last year.

"This is unmistakably mine," the bike's owner, Ikuo Yokoyama, told a Japanese TV station after he was located through the licence plate and shown photos of his ride. Yokoyama added: "It's miraculous."

One of the eeriest discoveries after the tsunami came last month when a fishing boat was spotted floating in the Gulf of Alaska.

A U.S. cutter fired on and sank the vessel after it was deemed it a hazard to shipping and to the coastline.

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Her words of love.

'I honestly do not know what I'd do without my brother by my side,' she says of death row Canadian

The only Canadian on death row in the United States broke down and cried at his clemency hearing in Montana on Wednesday.

Ronald Smith, who shot

A daughter's sadness

"I've seen a man who has many regrets about the things he has done. He shows his remorse in his eyes and in his voice." Carmen Blackburn, Ronald Smith's daughter

and killed two young men in 1982, lost control when his sister Rita Duncan read a letter he'd written to their mother after her death last year. Smith covered his eyes, brushed away tears and was patted on the shoulder by his lawyer.

Duncan said although she shut Smith out of her life for years, he has always loved her and she is proud to be his sister.

"I honestly do not know what I would do without my brother by my side," said Duncan, her voice quavering.

"I can't bear the thought of losing another brother and I'm sorry if this sounds selfish." She asked people in the packed courtroom to put themselves in her place.

Originally from Red Deer, Alta., Smith, 54, has been on death row since shooting Thomas Running Rabbit and Harvey Mad Man Jr. near East Glacier, Mont., 30 years ago.

Smith is asking the Board of Pardons and Parole to recommend his death sentence be commuted.

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Activist wants to leave China, fears for his family's safety

Chen Guangcheng.

Blind Chinese legal activist concerned despite American brokered agreement

The blind Chinese activist at the centre of a six-day diplomatic tussle between the U.S. and China said he fears for his family's lives and wants to leave China, hours after American officials announced an agreement with Beijing that was to guarantee his safety.

Chen Guangcheng escaped from illegal house arrest and other mistreatment in his rural town, placing himself under the protection of U.S. diplomats last week.

On Wednesday, after six days holed up inside the American embassy, he emerged and was taken to a nearby hospital.

U.S. officials said they had extracted from the Chinese government a promise that Chen would reunite with his family and be allowed to start a new life in a university town.

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The path of the dissident

Chinese dissidents who leave can't return

Chinese dissidents know their influence can fade after they leave the country, and they face the possibility of never coming home. Wei Jingsheng was a soldier and electrician whose faith in China's communist order was shaken by Mao Zedong's ruinous policies. Wei spent 17 years in prison for urging reforms. Rebiya Kadeer was once considered a success in China: an ethnic Uighur from the far region of Xinjiang who became a millionaire. But she was arrested in 1999 and sentenced to eight years in prison for mailing newspaper reports of anti-Chinese unrest to her husband overseas and for trying to give a list of political prisoners to U.S. congressional staff.

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A woman signs her name as a show of support for blind Chinese legal activist Chen Guangcheng during an event in Hong Kong on Wednesday.

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Gingrich officially drops out of presidential race



Former Republican presidential candidate Newt Gingrich speaks in North Carolina last month. CHUCK BURTON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Newt Gingrich officially ended his campaign on Wednesday, and President Barack Obama's re-election campaign released a web video of clips from the Republican primaries in which the former House speaker sharply criticized Mitt Romney — Obama's likely opponent in November.

Facing a tight race,

Obama's campaign put forward Gingrich's anti-Romney messages on issues from immigration to the presumptive nominee's tenure as a venture capitalist.

Gingrich led the Republicans out of 40 years of minority status in the lower house of Congress in 1994 but later resigned under an ethics cloud. He tried to stage a political comeback in this year's presidential contest, but he won primaries in only conservative South Carolina and Georgia, the state he represented for 20 years.

As he prepared to officially end his campaign, Gingrich thanked supporters in a video message posted on his website.

His campaign has reported being more than \$4 million in debt, despite millions pumped by a gambling casino owner into an allied super political-action committee.

Gingrich pledged to work hard to prevent the "genuine disaster" of a second Obama term. He did not mention Romney, who crushed him with negative advertisements. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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New article poses risk to biosecurity

Bird Flu. A new article outlines the danger of mutating H5N1 genes

A bird flu study that was blocked from publication for months after biosecurity experts questioned if it was unsafe to put it in the public domain has finally been published.

The work, conducted by a team led by influenza vir-

ologist Yoshihiro Kawaoka of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Tokyo, suggests that as few as three changes to the main gene on the surface of some H5N1 flu viruses might allow the virus to transmit efficiently among mammals — perhaps even humans.

Kawaoka and his team managed to create a hybrid virus that would transmit through the air, passing from

infected to healthy ferrets, which were used in the experiment as a stand in for people. The newly transmissible virus needed four mutations in the surface gene, the hemagglutinin, which gives a flu virus the H portion of its name.

One of the mutations is already seen in viruses in the Middle East, Africa and parts of Asia and Europe, potentially leaving the need for only three more, if the virus were to take

this route to gain the capacity to pass from human to human.

"Our study shows that relatively few amino acid mutations are sufficient for a virus with an avian H5 hemagglutinin to acquire the ability to transmit in mammals," Kawaoka said in a press release.

Science currently has no way to gauge how likely or unlikely it is that this would happen.

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A Balinese official looks at a chicken after administering an injection to cull it in Bali on April 26. FIRDIA LISNAWATI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gaza Strip

Foot-and-mouth disease in Gaza

A UN agency says Egypt's outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease has reached neighbouring Gaza Strip and could soon spread across the Middle East.

The Rome-based Food and Agriculture Organization said Wednesday the disease was detected in Gaza's southern border town of Rafah on April 19.

Juan Lubroth, FAO's chief veterinary officer, says vaccines are in short supply and animal movement must be limited. He says the disease risks spreading to the Gulf, southern and eastern Europe and further.

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Space

More Space Station delays

The first commercial cargo run to the International Space Station has been delayed again for more software testing.

Space Exploration Technologies Corp., better known as SpaceX, was aiming for a Monday liftoff of its Falcon rocket and Dragon capsule. But on Wednesday, the California-based company announced its latest postponement and said a new launch date had not been set.

The test flight already is three months late.

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Reader calls for real images

Julia Bluhm, 14, of Waterville, Maine, holds up a copy of Seventeen magazine as she leads a protest outside Hearst Corp. headquarters, Wednesday, May 2, in New York. Bluhm delivered a petition of about 25,000 names and met with officials from the magazine, urging them to publish one spread a month of model photos that have not been altered. She says images of young girls in the magazine present an impossible ideal for today's teens.

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Hudson murder trial

Judge banishes journalists' phones from courtroom

The judge at the trial of a man accused of killing three of Jennifer Hudson's relatives has decided to bar journalists' cellphones from court.

He has been allowing

their limited use during the first two weeks of trial so reporters could email news updates.

But a media liaison says Judge Charles Burns decided Wednesday he'd seen too many violations of media rules he set before trial. They include bans on tweets, though liaison Irv Miller says none of the violations involved Twitter. Several were phones ringing during testimony. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Jennifer Hudson
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Press freedom

Group criticizes censorship in Eritrea, North Korea, Syria

The Horn of Africa nation Eritrea leads the world in imposing censorship on the media, followed closely by North Korea, Syria and Iran, a journalism group said Wednesday.

The Committee to Protect Journalists said in a report that 10 countries stand out as censors by barring international media, putting "dictatorial controls" on domestic media and imposing other restrictions.

Rounding out the 10 worst censors are Equatorial Guinea, Uzbekistan, Burma which also is known as Myanmar, Saudi Arabia, Cuba and Belarus.

The report by the com-

mittee, a non-profit organization based in New York, was released to mark World Press Freedom Day on Thursday.

"In the name of stability or development, these regimes suppress independent reporting, amplify propaganda and use technology to control rather than empower their own citizens," CPJ Executive Director Joel Simon said in a statement accompanying the report.

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Suu Kyi sworn in to assembly

Official voice. Myanmar starts a new era as the country's symbol of democracy takes office for the first time

Aung San Suu Kyi was sworn in as a lawmaker Wednesday, capping a tenacious, decades-long journey from political prisoner to parliamentarian that will enable Myanmar's main opposition party to take its struggle for democratic rule inside the country's army-backed government for the first time.

The swearing-in ceremony in the capital, Naypyitaw, cements a fragile detente between Suu Kyi's movement and the administration of President Thein Sein, which has engineered a series of sweeping reforms since taking

power from a military junta last year.

But some analysts see her entry into the legislative branch as a gamble that will achieve little beyond legitimizing a regime that needs her support to end years of isolation from the West and get lingering sanctions lifted. Mobbed by reporters after Wednesday's ceremony, Suu Kyi said she would not give up the struggle she has led since 1988.

"We would like our parliament to be in line with genuine democratic values. It's not because we want to remove anybody," she said in apparent reference to the military, whose unelected appointees control 25 per cent of the assembly.

"We just want to make the kind of improvements that will make our national assembly a truly democratic one."

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Dubious democracy

Maung Zarni, a Myanmar exile who is a visiting fellow at the London School of Economics, said Suu Kyi's ascent is "neither a game-changer nor a sign the country has reached the tipping point of

democratic transition."

- "Quite the contrary, it marks the most important victory (yet) for the regime's strategic leaders," Zarni said.



No propellers, hot air or wings of wax for this Jetman

Yves Rossy, known as the Jetman, flies over Rio de Janeiro on Wednesday. The Swiss aviator dropped from a helicopter and deployed the jet-powered carbon-kevlar Jetwing, which he uses his body to steer, as he flew over the Brazilian capital before landing on Copacabana Beach.

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Conservation. Protection sought for woodpecker

A woodpecker that's survived for millions of years by eating beetle larvae in burned trees is in danger of going extinct in parts of the West, according to conservationists seeking U.S. protection for the bird.

Four conservation groups filed a petition with the

U.S. Interior Department on Wednesday to list the black-backed woodpecker under the Endangered Species Act in the Sierra Nevada, Oregon's Eastern Cascades and the Black Hills of eastern Wyoming and western South Dakota.

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Zoo. Harmonica-playing elephant enjoys own tunes

An elephant named Shanthi at the U.S. national zoo plays a harmonica with her trunk and appears to love doing it.

Video released Wednesday by the zoo in Washington shows the 36-year-old Asian elephant with a harmonica attached to her stall playing tunes even when no humans

are in view. Elephant keeper Debbie Flinkman said Shanthi is "musically inclined," playing her own songs that always have big crescendos at the end. Shanthi also likes to tap things, flap her ears against objects to make noise and rub her leg up and down shrubs to repeat noises. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Tightrope walk across Niagara Falls set for June



Nik Wallenda points to Niagara Falls after a news conference on Wednesday. Wallenda will try to cross the Niagara Gorge on a tightrope June 15.

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Daredevil. Nik Wallenda spent months dealing with Canadian, U.S. officials for permission

Daredevil Nik Wallenda will try to cross the Niagara Gorge — including part of the famous falls — on a tightrope June 15.

The seventh-generation member of the Flying Wallendas spent months getting the necessary permissions from Canada and the United States for the cross-border stunt.

Organizers told a news

conference in Niagara Falls, Ont., on Wednesday that the contracts have been signed and the date set.

Wallenda's stunt will merge two pop culture traditions — his own family's death-defying feats on the high wire and the daredevil acts at Niagara Falls that date back more than 100 years.

It took an act of the New York legislature and persistent lobbying of Canadian parks officials to make Wallenda's planned wire stunt a possibility.

The Niagara Parks Commission board gave its thumbs-up to Wallenda in February, reversing an earlier decision against the stunt.

Plan and profit

Tony Baldinelli, a spokesman for the Niagara Parks Commission, said that Wallenda will cross over a portion of the Canadian Horseshoe Falls as he walks from one side of the gorge to the other.

- **Economic impact.** A study has suggested that the television coverage of the event could help generate a \$120-million shot in the arm to the Niagara economy.

"Not only is it a dream but we had to change two

laws in two countries that were over 100 years old," Wallenda said.

"This is clearly a once-in-a-lifetime thing."

Niagara Parks chairwoman Janice Thomson had said the approval was a "unique one-time situation" and that Wallenda was able to prove he had proper controls and safety measures in place.

She also said the commission would only consider requests for such events from skilled professionals once every 20 years.

Wallenda's walk across the falls on a five-centimetre-diameter steel cable is expected to be televised live. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Police forget student in cell

Negligence. Student was left without food or drink for four days

A college student picked up in a federal drug sweep in California was never arrested, never charged and should have been released. Instead, authorities say, he was forgotten in a holding cell for four days.

Without food, water or access to a toilet, Daniel Chong had to drink his own urine to survive and began hallucinating after three days because of a lack of nourishment, his lawyer said.

"He nearly died," Eugene Iredale said. "If he had been there another 12 to 24 hours, he probably would have died."

The top Drug Enforcement Administration agent in San Diego apologized Wednesday for Chong's treatment and promised an investigation into how his agents could have forgotten about him.

Iredale said he intends to

seek damages from the DEA, and may file a lawsuit against the government.

The incident stands out as one of the worst cases of its kind, said Thomas Beauclair, deputy director of the National Corrections Institute.

"That is pretty much unheard of," he said, noting that, in his 40-year career, he has heard of instances where people were forgotten overnight but not for days.

Iredale said Chong, an engineering student at the University of California, San Diego, went to his friend's house on April 20 to get high. Every April 20, pot smokers light up in a counterculture ritual held around the country at 4:20 p.m.

Chong fell asleep and, around 9 a.m. the next day, Iredale said, agents swept through the house in a raid that netted 18,000 ecstasy pills, other drugs and weapons. Nine people, including Chong, were taken into custody.

Chong was questioned for

four hours and then told that he would be released, Iredale said. Chong was handcuffed and placed back in the same cell, a windowless room. The DEA said there are five cells at the facility.

The only view out was through a tiny peephole in the door. He could hear the muffled voices of agents and the sound of the door of the next cell being opened and closed, Iredale said. As the hours dragged into days, he kicked and screamed as loud as he could, Iredale said.

At one point, he ripped a piece of his clothing off and shoved it under the door, hoping someone would spot it and free him, his attorney said. Chong also ripped away foam from the wall.

Chong drank his own urine to survive. He bit into his eyeglasses to break them and then tried to use a shard to scratch "Sorry Mom" into his arm. He stopped after the "S," the attorney said. He said he believes Chong was thinking of killing himself.



Macedonian terror arrests

Police officers escort a man yesterday to appear on terrorism charges in connection with the killing of five men last month, in Skopje, Macedonia. Macedonian authorities arrested some 20 radical Islamists suspected in the murder of five Macedonian fishermen last month. The killing fuelled ethnic tensions in this tiny Balkan country.

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Then the lights went out. He sat in darkness until the door finally opened April 25, Iredale said.

Chong told agents that he ingested a white powder they

later identified as methamphetamine. It was not clear how the powder got into the cell. Chong told them it was not his, the lawyer said.

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Terrorism

Men charged in U.S. bomb plot

Five men charged with plotting to bomb a U.S. bridge placed what they thought were real explosives at the site and repeatedly tried to detonate them using text messages from cell-phones, according to an FBI affidavit filed in court. Authorities described the men as anarchists angry with corporate America and the government.

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Appeal

'Torture' author protected

An appeals court said Wednesday a former senior Department of Justice lawyer who wrote the so-called "torture memos" authorizing harsh treatment of suspected terrorists is protected from lawsuits.

Jose Padilla, a convicted terrorist, alleged John Yoo's memos allowed his captors to subject him to harsh interrogation that amounted to torture.

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E-readers

Target phasing out Amazon Kindle

Target Corp. is phasing out Amazon.com Inc.'s e-reader Kindle at its more than 1,700 stores and its website.

Target spokeswoman Molly Snyder said Wednesday that the decision to stop selling Kindles this spring came after an "ongoing

review" of Target's merchandise that evaluates quality and prices of the chain's offerings.

The move coincides with the discounter's plan to create mini shops of Apple Inc. products in 25 of its stores this year.

Despite competition from cheaper tablet computers such as Amazon's Kindle Fire, Apple's iPad remains the most popular tablet. Apple has sold more than

55 million iPads since the tablet's debut in 2010.

Target, which is based in Minneapolis, started selling Kindles two years ago. Target announced in late November that Amazon's Kindle was the bestselling tablet in its stores on the day after Thanksgiving, typically the busiest day of the year.

Target will also stop selling Kindle accessories like covers and chargers.

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Watchdog

Competition Bureau won't review MLSE takeover

Canada's competition watchdog will not challenge Bell Canada and Rogers Communications Inc. on their \$1.07-billion takeover of Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment, despite some concerns about

concentration in the industry. The Competition Bureau says that it has issued a "no action" letter to the telecom giants indicating that it doesn't plan to have the deal reviewed under the Competition Act.

However, it added that it has heard several serious concerns about the effect of increasing concentration and vertical integration on the broadcasting industry.

It says the Commissioner

of Competition is actively reviewing those concerns and won't hesitate to take action if she determines the Competition Act has been violated.

The legislation provides the bureau with a one-year period following the deal's closure to bring a challenge to the Competition Tribunal.

The media giants teamed for a majority stake in the country's biggest sports franchise company

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Black's future in business uncertain

Prison release. Black, critics express doubt about the media baron's return to the media business

When former media baron Conrad Black is released from prison this week, he returns to a media landscape far different from the one he walked away from a decade ago.

Whether he will want to jump back into the world he once dominated is unknown, but those who have followed his rise and fall from grace say Black could still wield influence, though likely not at a public company.

Black himself has indicated he's done with the type of scrutiny that comes with running a publicly traded company following

Hollinger Inc.

"The regulators, the minority shareholders, all that crap. Oh, I can't stand it."

Baron Conrad Black
On running Hollinger International Inc.

the demise of Hollinger International Inc.

"The regulators, the minority shareholders, all that crap. Oh, I can't stand it," he told Vanity Fair in an interview before returning to jail last August to serve the remaining nine months of his prison term.

Karl Moore, a professor at McGill University's Desautels Faculty of Management, said Black is unlikely to be involved in a publicly traded company.

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Good Timing

When Hollinger sold the bulk of its Canadian newspapers in 2000, the industry had yet to see its business radically transformed by the Internet. Canwest Global, the broad-

casting giant that bought the bulk of Black's Canadian holdings, has been dismantled and sold off in pieces with the newspapers now held by Postmedia Network.



Canadian wallets about to hold even more plastic

Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty, right, and Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney show off the new \$20 bank bill during a ceremony in Ottawa, Wednesday. A mural of the new plastic twenty dollar bill is on the side of the Bank of Canada building behind them. The Bank of Canada unveiled the new \$20 polymer bank note Wednesday that will replace the current paper-cotton bills. Gone from the back of the bill are the depictions of Canadian artist Bill Reid's sculptures Raven and the First Men and The Spirit of Haida Gwaii. In their place are the Canadian National Vimy Memorial and clusters of red poppies. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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RIM. Keyboards will remain in new BlackBerry line

Chief executive Thorsten Heins says RIM will continue to offer devices with its popular physical keypad.

Heins told media at the BlackBerry World conference

in Orlando on Wednesday that, despite rumours to the contrary, its new line of BlackBerry's due for release later this year will include both touchscreens and keypads. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Barrick Gold chairman offers insight

Barrick Gold chairman Peter Munk, right, chats with company president and CEO Aaron Regent during their annual general meeting in Toronto on Wednesday. Munk offered a bullish outlook for gold, but acknowledged that shares in the miner have lagged the company's performance. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Facebook could go public May 18

Tech. Company's founder campaigning to increase the social network's initial public offering, estimated to be \$100 billion

Facebook will go public on May 18, a published report says, in one of the most highly anticipated tech initial public offerings since Google went public in August 2004.

The Wall Street Journal reported Tuesday that the social-networking company is set to start its roadshow on Monday, according to people familiar with the matter. The

roadshow, a series of meetings with prospective institutional investors, is designed to stir interest in the company's stock.

Mark Zuckerberg, the founder and chief executive of Facebook, will attend some of the meetings. The Journal reported.

The Menlo Park, Calif.-based company is seeking to raise about \$5 billion in the offering, giving the entire company a value of about \$100 billion.

Officials for Facebook declined to comment.

Facebook last month announced it is buying Instagram, the company behind a popular mobile photo-sharing application with the same name, for \$1 billion, its largest

acquisition ever.

During the first quarter, Facebook's net income fell 12 per cent, weighed down by higher expenses even as its revenue soared. Net income fell to \$205 million in the three months that ended March 31, from \$233 million a year earlier, while net income attributable to common shareholders fell to \$137 million from \$153 million. That amounts to earnings of nine cents per share in the latest quarter, down from 11 cents a year earlier. Revenue rose 45 per cent to \$1.06 billion.

The company had 901 million monthly active users as of March 31, up from 845 million as of the end of 2011.

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I've been enamoured lately with various best-selling books of factoids such as Schott's Miscellany, the Farmers Almanac and John's Bathroom Reader (no relation), and how, despite

their diversity of information, they all come back to one key factoid: I want a best-selling book, too.

So I've begun collecting information about Canada — both interesting and oddball — that I might present the Canadian All-manac, where one can learn everything from the name of Canada's first secretary general to Nellie McClung's best-selling album. For the small sample of text I provide below, a small donation is appreciated and mandatory.

What people from various Canadian places are called:

- Cornwall: Cornwallias
- Leduc: Leducs of Earl
- Kenora: Kenoraephrons
- Medicine Hat: Pillboxers
- Dawson Creek: Vanderbeeks
- Grand Prairie: Newfoundlanders
- Toronto: Empty inside

The most popular Canadian pickup lines:

"Condoms if necessary, but not necessarily condoms."
"General Wolfe would have pulled through if he'd seen you."
"It's been 172 years. Time for another Act of Union?"
"Hey, baby, you want to see my Head of State?"

Reasons Canadian prescription drugs are restricted in the U.S.:

- Canadian drugs include the evil gateway drug medicinal marijuana.
- There is no way to tell what's actually in the bottle because the labels are written in Canadian.
- Buying cheaper drugs from another country is just another sad example of "trying to be popular around the world because that would make sense and help our citizens."
- Canadian drugs could promote a polite, moderate lifestyle.

Most popular Canadian pastimes (non-hockey):

- Hockey.
- Nationality-hyphenating.
- Making love to a canoe.
- Mumbling O Canada.
- Historical re-enactments of the drafting of the Constitution Act of 1867. (I call George-Etienne Cartier!)
- Hating Canadian provinces you've never been to.
- Heritage moment drinking game! Drink if you hear, "I need these baskets back!" "Ahhh, Mr. Clarence, why doon't you just rread it, then?" and "Hey, buddy, he means the friggin' village."

Ways Canadian soldiers differ from American soldiers:

- Canadian snipers say "sorry" after every shot.
- Humanitarian packages consist of three beer, some maple syrup, and Rock 'Em Sock 'Em 18.
- Afghan poppy fields are razed but replaced with medicinal marijuana.
- Uniforms by Roots.

Failed Canadian tourism slogans:

Manitoba: I'd walk a mile for a neighbour!

Ontario: Ride the downward spiral!

New Brunswick: For the love of God, stop!

Newfoundlanders: Your favourite walks-into-a-bar jokes come to life!

Nunavut: Friends, frostbite and fun!

Saskatchewan: Flat is phat!

Popular Canadian adult films:

- Winniepeggers
- Oh, Canada!
- Debbie Does Drapeau
- They Call Him Avro Arrow
- Henderson Scores #8
- Goose!
- Ig-naughty-iff
- The Devil and Mrs. Lyon Mackenzie King
- Backdoor Legislation: A National Film Board joint
- DiefThroat

All eyes on the lens



MAURIZIO MALAGOLI/SOLENT NEWS & PHOTO AGENCY

Staring contest?

Owls spy with their little eyes

MODENA, ITALY. Amateur photographer and computer professional Maurizio Malagoli captured these little owls looking identically wide-eyed at the camera, after they were startled by an earlier picture being taken. Malagoli was left with this photograph, which shows the birds' yellow eyes in a perfect diagonal line.

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60 seconds



Maurizio Malagoli

Where did you capture this stunning image?

In Modena there is a sanctuary that tends to wounded animals

before they are released back into the wild. At night, owls are attracted by the headlights of cars and are often injured on the roads. I arrived there the day some owls were being released. I positioned myself among the trees, wore green camouflage and waited a couple of hours before the owls were close enough to photograph. Looking into the lens I saw nothing but yellow eyes looking at me with a curious expression. **METRO**

Trivia

Sacred in Greek culture

- Scientifically known as *athene noctua*, little owls are associated with Athena, Greek goddess of wisdom, who is often featured with them in ancient art. The Greek one-euro coin shows the same little owl design as the silver tetradrachm coin from 2,500 years ago.



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TULIP FESTIVAL

Thursday, May 3, 2012



Everything is coming up tulips in Ottawa as visitors will tiptoe through millions of them beginning Friday during the 60th annual Tulip Festival, which runs through to May 21. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Ottawa back in bloom

Centrepiece.

Thousands of people flock to National Capital for annual fest

TIM
AVERY
For Metro

Music in the streets, a treasure hunt and a Mad Hatter's tea party are among the many events planned to delight an estimated half-million visitors to the National Capital's 60th annual Tulip Festival from May 4-21.

The more than one million brilliant blooms that are the centrepiece of the festival were the gift of a grateful Dutch nation to Canada for its role in the liberation of the Netherlands from Nazi occupation and for providing safe haven for members of the Dutch royal family during the Second World War.

"In the Netherlands, I was struck at how the Dutch would literally embrace Canadians," said Laura Brown-Breetvelt, artist and creator of

the festival's new logo.

"This special friendship between two peoples is the origin and heart of the Canadian Tulip Festival, and from this inspiration the tulip has grown to symbolize friendship at many levels and among many cultures."

The most spectacular display of tulips is found in Commissioner's Park, at Dow's Lake, where close to 300,000 tulips in 60 different varieties bloom each year in 30 flower beds. With early, mid- and late-bloomers, tulips are likely to be blooming whatever the weather.

The 2012 Canadian Tulip Festival events will take place in the ByWard Market, Little Italy, Chinatown and other popular, core business areas.

The ByWard Market is where visitors will find many of the festival's feature attractions, including the opening party Friday that kicks off the "Embrace the Night" series, "Capital Sounds" live music presentations, the Mad Hatter Tea Party on Mother's Day and, new this year, the Tulip Promenade.

Embrace the Night debuts

with an opening party at The Side Door in the ByWard Market, cascading to satellite celebrations at participating clubs throughout the centre core and operating Thursday through Saturday nights during the festival.

Thousands are expected at the inaugural Elektrik Tulipe concert, May 18, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., at the CE Centre, 4899 Uplands Dr.

The tea party features improvised "Mad Hats" made with the help of talented artisans, followed by a parade through the historic market in the creations.

Little Italy is the home of this year's International Pavilion, while in China Town, an arts festival unto itself is planned, celebrating the tulip in this Year of the Dragon, with Chinese and multicultural art exhibits and events.

The Great Canadian Tulip Treasure Hunt, first introduced in 2011 to great public response, returns. It's bigger this year, with 60 prizes in recognition of the 60th anniversary.

A squadron of vintage aircraft will fly from Gatineau,

Event details

All the events at the Canadian Tulip Festival are free, except for the Elektrik Tulipe concert May 18 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the CE Centre, 4899 Uplands Dr.

Tickets are \$39.50 to \$49.50 and will be available from the CE Centre.

The Lady Dive Hop-on Hop-off city tour service stops close to various tulip beds around the city, including Commissioners Park where more than 300,000 bloom.

Tulip festival passports, for details on all the sights and sounds of this year's festival, are available at the front desks of hotels.

TIM AVERY

Que., in a commemorative airborne parade over the National Capital on May 13. The airborne parade will showcase aircraft such as those that helped liberate the Netherlands.



A special friendship between the Netherlands and Canada is the origin and heart of the Canadian Tulip Festival. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Embracing the Canadian Tulip Festival

PETER
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For Metro

For its 60th edition, the Canadian Tulip Festival will commemorate both the past and establish new traditions.

The festival has become an annual rite of spring in the National Capital region; upwards of 500,000 visitors arrive each year to admire the nearly one million tulips and a remarkable diversity of activities. This year's opening night parties reflect the festival's recent evolution into a multi-site event.

"This year's opening night party is about commemoration and celebration," says Stephan Klován, the festival's entertainment director. "We'll take a look back at our roots while introducing a long list of exciting new ways that people can enjoy the festival."

The origins of the festival lie in the Second World War, when Ottawa gave shelter to members of Holland's royal family, who had fled the Nazi occupation. In appreciation, Holland donates tens of thousands of tulip bulbs to Ottawa each year. The relationship between the two countries is reflected in the logo for this



For its 60th edition, the Canadian Tulip Festival will commemorate both the past and establish new traditions. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

year's festival: Two tulips — yellow for Holland, red for Canada — intertwined in a warm embrace.

Embrace the Night

The "embrace" theme runs through the whole festival, which gets underway Friday. The opening ceremonies run

from 6-9 p.m. in Clarendon Court (corner of George and Sussex in the ByWard Market). Entitled "Cirque de Libération," the public event features circus performers in vintage costumes, displays of art and topiary, and historic automobiles. Immediately afterwards, the after-party

gets underway at the Side-door restaurant and continues until 2 a.m.

The parties will then continue at dozens of locations around the region. Several business improvement associations (Little Italy, Chinatown, Elgin Street, ByWard Market and Sparks Street

Mall) will all stage events. Elgin Street, for instance, will be transformed into a "Boulevard of Blooms." Dozens of restaurants and bars — identified by the Tulip Festival logo — will also participate with tulip-themed food and drink menus.

The rolling celebration

will continue at various spots across Ottawa, highlighted by Elektrik Tulipe, a concert and dance party with some of the world's hottest DJs and producers. There will also be fireworks at Dow's Lake on May 20.

The Festival wraps up on Victoria Day, May 21.




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The Great Canadian Tulip Treasure Hunt runs until May 21. ZOONAR/THINKSTOCK

On the hunt. Popular, free event set to last until May 21

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The Great Canadian Tulip Treasure Hunt was introduced for the first time last year.

With enthusiastic participation from the public, it is back for the commemorative edition and organizers promise it will be bigger than ever, with 60 grand prizes to be awarded in recognition

of the 60th anniversary. The treasure hunt will take place during the duration of the festival.

Participants will be able to find clues for the treasure hunt at sponsor and partner locations, which will be posted on the festival website.

Along the Elgin Street "Boulevard of Blooms," visitors will find designated business locations with clues to the Great Canadian Tulip Treasure Hunt.

Clues will also be available in the Tulip Passport, available everywhere.

Treasure hunters must collect and submit 10 clues in order to qualify to win one of 60 great prizes, including \$1,000 cash. Other prizes feature a weekend Montreal getaway package for two, gift certificates and jewelry.

Participation is free. Winners will be drawn May 21 during the closing celebrations at Dow's Lake Pavilion.

All for the love of tulips

History. Dutch icon originated in Turkey

TIM AVERY
For Metro

Tulips, a Dutch icon on par with windmills and wooden shoes, actually originated in Turkey.

It is believed the tulip was brought to northwestern Europe by a German ambassador to the Ottoman Empire.

Between 1634 and 1637, the early enthusiasm for the new flowers triggered a speculative frenzy. Tulips became so expensive that they were treated as a form of currency.

Now tulips are associated with the Netherlands, and the cultivated forms of the tulip are often called "Dutch tulips."

In addition to the tulip industry and tulip festivals, the Netherlands has the world's largest permanent display of tulips at Keukenhof.

There are more than 3,000 registered varieties of tulips.

Some of the more popular types include: Kaufmanniana, Fosterana and Greigii, all very early flowering, short stemmed, with striped or mottled foliage; many new hybrids have a wide variety of bright, jewel-like colours.

Lily flowered, tulips are late spring or mid-season flowering. They have slender buds, with reflexed petals when the flower is open.

Rembrandts are called "broken" tulips, flower mid-season, and include Bjibloemens, Bizzares and the Rembrandts themselves. They have bold markings in vibrant streaks of red, rose, purple, lilac or white.

Peony Flowered or Double Late tulips' large, double blooms make a wonderful late display, but, unfortunately, tend to be top heavy, so they may need some support.

To successfully grow tulips, gardeners recommend the soil be well drained and preferably alkaline.

Choose large, healthy looking bulbs, plant in a



There are more than 3,000 varieties of tulips. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK

sunny spot, and lift and store all bulbs except the Kaufmanniana hybrids.

It's best to lift the bulbs when the tulip's leaves start turning yellow, but if the site is needed for summer bed-

ding, lift the bulbs earlier, replant them in a spare corner, and lift again when the leaves have died down.

Place the plants in shallow boxes and store in a dry shed or closet.

If you are using the bulbs of Kaufmanniana hybrid tulips, plant them in early winter.

For the best results with these tulips, choose a south-facing position with well

drained soil that is sheltered from strong winds.

After flowering, remove the leaves and stems as they die. Leave these bulbs in the ground and keep the area free of weeds.

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Make like a Mad Hatter

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The Canadian Tulip Festival continues its tradition of family-friendly entertainment this year, with dozens of activities for children of all ages. A major highlight will be the Mad Hatters Mother's Day Party May 12-13.

Taking place outside the George Street entrance to the Rideau Centre, the party will have everything families need to make their own party hats.

Talented artisans will be on hand to offer tips and tricks, but families are invited to unleash their creativity and take advantage of the free craft supplies.

The event is, of course, inspired by Hatta the Hatter, a fictional character from Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and its sequel *Through the Looking-Glass*. In honour of that character, the event will feature tea and frivolity — partygoers

are asked to supply their own nonsense riddles.

At 1:30 p.m. on May 13, festivalgoers will be treated to a flyover of vintage aircraft. Many of the aircraft are from Vintage Wings of Canada, a non-profit founded by Michael Potter, an experienced pilot and former CEO of Cognos. With the country's largest private collection of vintage aircraft, the organization aims to educate Canadians about our rich aviation heritage. Now in his 70s, Potter remains an active pilot and is rated to fly all of the aircraft in the collection.

Festival of family fun

Another family favourite of the Canadian Tulip Festival is the international pavilion, located this year in Little Italy near the Corso Italia Portal Archway. This year, 12 countries will be represented and the pavilion's Friendship Stage will feature 30 performances. On May 12, the area outside the pavilion — nicknamed Tulipiazza during the



A major highlight of the festival will be the Mad Hatters Mother's Day Party next weekend. DIGITAL VISION/THINKSTOCK

festival — will hold a special concert presented by Groupe Média TFO, with two top local bands: Fevers and Mastik.

Mass plantings of colourful tulips remain one of the main attractions, of course. There is no better backdrop

for a family photo than one of the many flower beds at Commissioner's Park, Dow's Lake, Major's Hill Park, along

the Rideau Canal, and, for the first time, along Elgin Street (known during the festival as Boulevard of Blooms).

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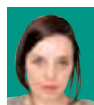


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Theatre. Local writers showcase their skills at the Extremely Short Play Festival



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The Extremely Short Play Festival opens tonight, featuring 11 original short plays that are all less than 10 minutes in length.

The concept is the brainchild of Artistic Director John Koensgen who was inspired to create the festival after reading an excerpt from the book *365 Plays/365 Days* by Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Suzan-Lori Parks.

"She wrote a play every day for a year and they're all really short," he explains.

"I thought, 'what an interesting way to see if people are interested in writing for the theatre if we're just asking for short pieces.' So, I put out a request for submissions and

we got 40. I think, for the first year, that's phenomenal."

The submissions were then juried by three local theatre pros who selected the top 11 plays for the festival lineup.

"There were entries from New York, Pittsburgh, Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa and all of the pieces that are in the show are actually by Ottawa writers," says Koensgen.

With that wide range of contributing writers, expect the unexpected.

"It runs the gamut from very hard, confrontational, emotional pieces to a pretty wacked out piece about the universe," Koensgen says.

The plays are performed back-to-back, tied together thematically by the use of props and sets.

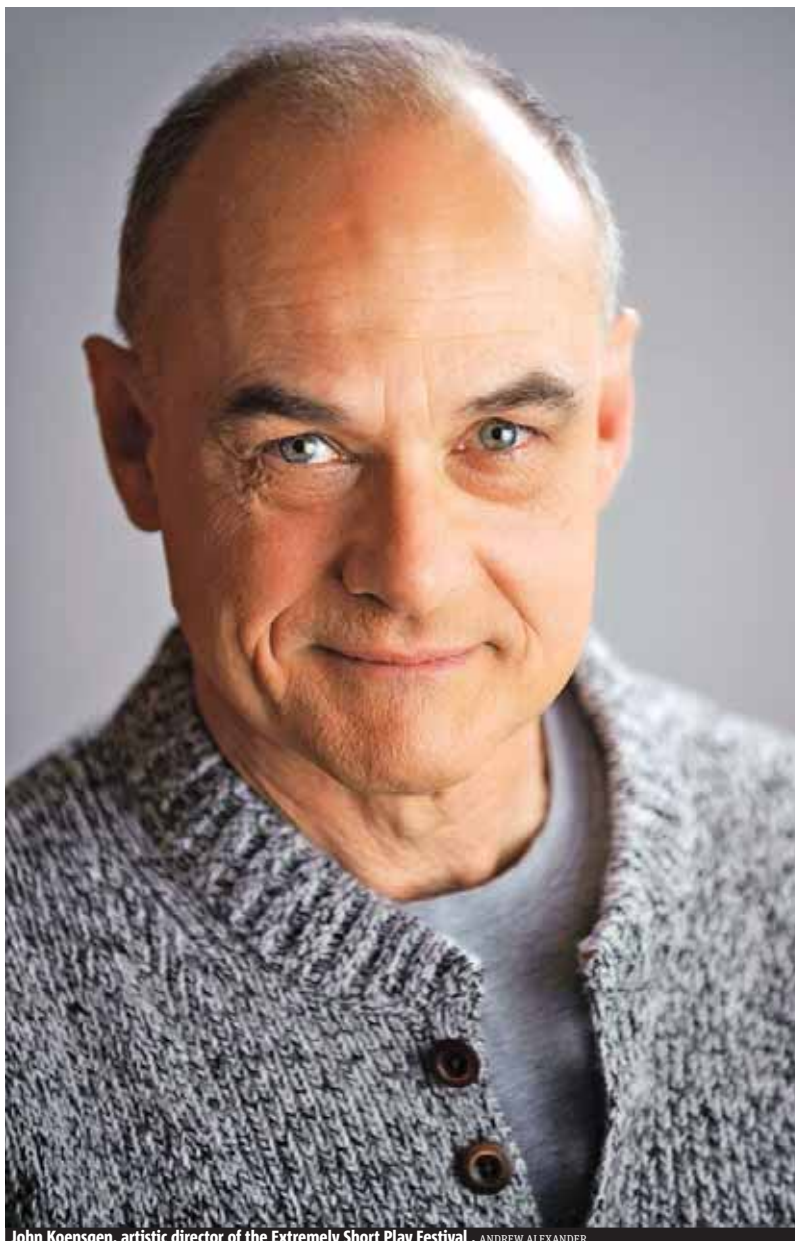
The plays had to have minimal sets, props and actors to make the transitions smoother, he says.

Koensgen says the festival is an opportunity to develop and work with local, unestablished writers.

"The fun part of this was the discovery of material; actually working with the material and working with the playwright."

Details, and other weekend fun

- The Extremely Short Play Festival opens tonight and runs through May 12 inside the Arts Court Theatre (2 Daly Ave.) Show time is 8 p.m. nightly (no show on Sunday or Monday). Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$25 for students and seniors. For more information, visit newtheatreottawa.com.
- Don't miss the legendary Dan Hill at the NAC (53 Elgin St.) at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday night. Hill is a multiple JUNO Award-winning singer and songwriter who has composed songs for Celine Dion, Britney Spears, The Backstreet Boys, Tina Turner and dozens more. He has also recorded and released multiple gold and platinum selling albums. Tickets from \$30 through the NAC Box Office.



John Koensgen, artistic director of the Extremely Short Play Festival. ANDREW ALEXANDER



SCENE

Scene in brief

YouTube launches channels

YouTube is adding to its original programming by launching channels specializing in female dramas and United States Olympic athletes. The Google Inc.-owned video site announced the new channels Wednesday ahead of an upfront presentation to advertisers. YouTube has sunk more than \$100 million into an ambitious project to lure audiences for longer viewings and attract advertisers with higher quality videos. Filmmakers Jon Avnet and Rodrigo Garcia will launch the channel WIGS, focusing on scripted dramas for women. Also new is a TeamUSA channel from the U.S. Olympic Committee that will feature content ahead of the 2012 games.

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Ruffalo talks about the monster inside

The Avengers. Playing The Hulk is actor's latest challenge — besides fighting fame

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I meet Mark Ruffalo at a mid-town Toronto hotel to chat about The Avengers not realizing it represented a coming home of sorts for the actor.

As we talked about playing the dual role of David Banner and his rage-a-holic alter ego The Hulk I mention one of his first television acting gigs, a guest spot on Due South shot in Hogtown.

"I stayed at this hotel before it was revamped," he says. "It was pretty low-end back then."

Judging by the fancy-smancancy Lobster Grilled

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"I have this beast that's inside me that is celebrity and fame."

Mark Ruffalo

Cheese on the room service menu the hotel is in better shape these days, and so is Ruffalo's career.

The Oscar nominated actor is about to enjoy his biggest box office stint ever, despite having recently moved his family away from what he calls "the machinery" of Hollywood.

"Sometimes roles reflect where you are in your life," he says.

"This came along and I tried to come up with every reason why I shouldn't do it, but I was still interested in it."

He saw a parallel between himself and the character.

"I ran away like Banner.

I have this beast that's inside me that is celebrity and fame.

And this thing I have been on the run from has a tremendous amount of power, which if it is used right could actually have a positive effect in the world. And reach an audience."

That means making more of the kind of movies Ruffalo specializes in — indie dramas with real characters and situations. In the meantime, however, he has a blockbuster to promote, which involves the drudgery of answering the same questions over and over again.

"The big one," he says, "which I think has been

asked the most is 'Which superhero power would you have?'

"Basically you have a choice between flying and being invisible.

"Then Scarlett added teleporting, which I thought was a cool one.

Now mine is to be able to turn into anything I wanted at any given moment. I could be a river.

I could be a cheeseburger with a beautiful girl eating me."

He doesn't care much for having to answer those kinds of questions, but would jump at the chance to revisit the Hulk.

"Let's do Planet Hulk! He won't let Banner have his body back! There's this huge existential fight going on.

"It's not The Hulk versus the World, it's the Hulk versus Banner and Banner versus the Hulk inside himself," he said.



Mark Ruffalo takes on the role of The Hulk in The Avengers. HANDOUT

SNL. Canadian creator Lorne Michaels mum on impending cast changes

Canadian Saturday Night Live creator Lorne Michaels showed a sense of humour as he dodged a question about impending cast changes on Wednesday.

Rumour has it that stars Kristen Wiig, Jason Sudeikis and Andy Samberg could all leave the long-running sketch series when the current season ends on May 19, but Michaels said he didn't know yet what would happen.

"I could (comment) except I'm not really certain myself," the 67-year-old Toronto native said in a conference call Wednesday.

"I know there will be some (changes), but it's just sort of the nature of the way we work that no one really talks about it until the season's done. Needless to say, I'd like everybody to stay."

He waited a beat, before quipping: "Did that avoid that question successfully?"

Joined on the call by this Saturday's host, two-time Super Bowl MVP quarterback Eli Manning, Michaels did nevertheless acknowledge that he would spend the summer scouring dark comedy clubs for possible additions to the venerable show's cast.

"I think the show has always been about bringing new people in," Michaels said.

For now, the only newbie is Manning. The 31-year-old



Kristen Wiig may be ending her stint on SNL. GETTY IMAGES

says he and his brother, newly signed Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning, grew up watching SNL.

"I am a fan and ... that style of humour, I appreciate it," said Manning, who was then pressed on his all-time favourite skit. "Chris Farley and Patrick Swayze doing the dancing, the Chippendales — that's always a classic," he replied.

Manning's elder brother also hosted the show back in 2007, and was one of two former SNL hosts — along with NFL analyst John Madden — who phoned the New York Giants quarterback to offer advice.

Mainly, the message delivered was that Manning should trust the writers and try to have fun. "I think the good thing

about Saturday Night Live is you can kind of come in and maybe express a different side that people don't see," Manning said. "I think that's one thing I'd say about Peyton and I, we don't mind making fun of (ourselves) or letting jokes be at our own expense."

It was that irreverence that appealed to Michaels, who says he tried to persuade Manning to host the show for years. "I think he's both charming and radiates a certain kind of intelligence," said Michaels, who also hinted that musical guest Rihanna could take part in a skit.

"You sort of believe that he doesn't take himself that seriously. I think he takes his work very seriously."

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When a broken heart comes naturally

Norah Jones. Singer teams up with Danger Mouse on her latest album she calls a 'concept'

Norah Jones has a piano in her kitchen.

You need look no further than this wonderfully off-kilter fact for a metaphor to describe the 33-year-old singer's evolution as she releases arguably the most interesting album of her career, "Little Broken Hearts."

"It's nice because I have a music room, but you know it's like the office you never go in or the dining room you never go in or something," Jones said with a laugh. "So I ended up putting this funky old piano in my kitchen and it's great."

Jones didn't set out to put a piano in her kitchen, of course. Much like her collaboration with the producer Danger Mouse on Little Broken Hearts, it just kind of happened naturally. And by going with the flow, making little decisions in the moment, she arrived at something delightful she never expected.

"I just like how it's turned into sort of a bit of a concept album without any intentions of that's what we were going to do," Jones said. "I'm proud that it ended up being what it is, going in knowing so little about what would happen. I love it."

Little Broken Hearts little resembles Jones' previous four solo albums, from the vamped cover photo to its lyrical content and vaguely psychedelic sound. It's edgy, effects-laden and deeply personal. She's written a few songs she felt were this personal before, especially on her 2009 album The Fall. But much of Little Broken Hearts centres on her life and the emotions you run through during relationship problems — from betrayal and indecision to healing and moving on.

The 12 songs on Hearts represent a true collaboration between Jones and Brian Burton, who produces under the name Danger Mouse. They mainly focus on a difficult breakup Jones went through, but she says Burton's fingerprints are all over the place and his ideas and lyrics transformed songs in unexpected ways.

The two met on Burton's musical ode to Italian cinema, Rome, and formed a friendship, agreeing to work together. They initially met for a five-day "get to know you" session and cemented their partnership. But it wasn't until last summer that they were able to commit to the two months it would take to write and record the album at Burton's Los Angeles studio.



Norah Jones didn't set out to make a concept album. HANDOUT

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"When I hear a song Norah is singing or playing on I can hear her spirit and her soul very clearly."

Singer-songwriter Ryan Adams

Jones said she didn't set out with a specific goal in mind and is surprised Hearts morphed into something of a breakup album. Rather than a gloomy summation of a difficult time, though, the album offered Jones a surprising catharsis.

"It just kind of came out when we were writing," Jones said. "I think Brian is very drawn to darkness in music and I am drawn to melancholy - not necessarily darkness as much as he is. I think when we just kind of put that together, this is what came out. I'd definitely just gone through a breakup and I felt like I was coming out really well on the other side. ... A lot of it's personal, dramatized and tweaked, and both of us were talking about, 'Oh, what if this?! What if that?!'"

Jones talked about the experience and the unintentional career path that's made her one of the bestselling artists of the 21st century in an interview during the South By Southwest Music Conference in Austin, where she nervously performed the album for several hundred fans, and in a follow-up phone interview weeks later.

In a sense, Jones has grown up in front of her fans' eyes. She sold 25 million copies worldwide of her first album, 2002's Come Away With Me, at 22, and earned herself a creative freedom she's taken full advantage of ever since. She collaborates fearlessly with everyone from Willie Nelson to Q-Tip to Mike Patton, has a side band that plays country music, and she's grown from a beautifully expressive interpreter to a deeply thoughtful singer-songwriter who's unafraid to experiment.

"When I hear a song Norah is singing or playing on I can hear her spirit and her soul very clearly," singer-songwriter Ryan Adams said of his friend in an email. "There is an elegance to how guarded she is in her timing and there are a lot of dimly lit corridors in her musical pas-

sages. It's a lovely trap she sets for the listener. Also you would never mistake her for someone else or someone else for her. She is completely giving in that sense. I adore that."

Danger Mouse helps her explore those dark places more deeply than ever before. Burton, who declined an interview request, is known for bringing something very different out of the artists he works with, including Cee Lo Green (the two formed the duo Gnarls Barkley), The Black Keys, James Mercer of The Shins and Beck.

Eli Wolf, the vice-president of A&R at Blue Note, says Little Broken Hearts is another example of Burton's ability to find hidden facets.

"What's remarkable to me is you have the meeting of two singular musical personalities in Norah and Brian and they kind of took from each similarities and differences to make a true musical marriage," said Wolf, who has worked with Jones her entire 10-year career. "For example, Norah has a talent for giving wonderful space and breadth to her music while Brian has a tremendous knack for these amazing layers of production. And they sort of took this yin and yang to find a harmony and musical middle ground."

And now that Little Broken Hearts has been released, Jones finds herself in a much happier mood than she posits on the album. She's got a new boyfriend and is happy to be taking five album's worth of songs on tour. She's content to focus on the now and she's not really thinking about what comes after that.

She might move back to Texas for a while and make a country album. Who knows? Wouldn't be that strange of a move for someone who has a piano in her kitchen.

"I really have no idea, which is fun," Jones said. "I'm totally happy that way."

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'I'm Catholic, I don't need to think'

A Perfect Family. Film tackles rigid religious beliefs that can apply to many faiths

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While *A Perfect Family* takes a devout Catholic woman to task for not being more tolerant of her family — a recovering alcoholic husband, a son who's left the wife he married too young and a lesbian daughter ready to start a family — star Kathleen Turner doesn't think the film is critical of the church and its members. This, even though her character spouts the line, "I'm Catholic, I don't need to think," in the heat of the moment.

"I thought we were pretty nice," Turner insists.

In fact, despite her character's fierce Catholic identity, she sees the story as transcending any particular faith.

"It doesn't have to be Catholicism, it can be any organized and rigid religion," she says. "It could be Judaism, it could be Islam. Any religion that says, 'This is the only way God approves of you,' is fine as a structure for this

Acting sultry

- Kathleen Turner and Lauren Bacall share something in common: a distinct, sultry voice that's become something of a calling card for each actress. And while Turner says the two "have joked about" teaming up on screen as mother and daughter, they've been able to keep themselves amused with a game they came up with.

- "We would run into each other at theatres or at restaurants before or after, and we had this game where I'd always say, 'Miss Bacall, how lovely to see you,' and she'd say (in a lower voice), 'How are you, Miss Turner?'" Turner explains. "And I'd say (in an even lower voice), 'Very well, thank you.' How low can you go was our game. It was fun."

conflict. Catholicism simply is the most familiar for this, the most workable ear. I wanted to figure out how she survived."

Beyond the religious aspects, Turner says the main draw for signing on to *A Per-*

fect Family was how much she couldn't relate to the character at all.

"She can accept this incredibly rigid formula for living, the rules — this is right and this is wrong — and expect to live in the real world. This seems to me an impossible task," Turner says. "And then to have so much of her private world, her family — all three members of her family — be so far outside what she believes in, how does this woman survive? Well, I think, again, every character has to change, has to go through a stage of growth to be interesting, period. If she doesn't change, then I'm not interested in doing her."

As for Turner herself, her own belief system isn't directed by a religious institution.

"I believe that I would die for my daughter, that that would be the most important thing on earth to me, more important than my own life. Absolutely," she says. "I believe that to never knowingly cause harm to someone or to profit from someone else's harm is the golden rule, and if I follow that, then that will be the best way I can live. If I can be true to that, then I think I will be a good person. That's about as doctrinaire as I get."

Cepero dishes on the biggest swindler in showbiz — Ellis

Smash. Ambition and a taste for the finer things in life drives villainous character

T. MICHELLE MURPHY

Metro World News in New York

"By the end of this season, the Ellis gun goes off," Jaime Cepero tells us about his deliciously villainous character on NBC's *Smash*. We interviewed him to find out more about everyone's favorite showbiz swindler — and yes, we asked about that little incident with Randall Jones.

So despite all the grief we give him in our recaps, Ellis is one of our favorite characters on "Smash." And he gets some of the best storylines on the show. Do you agree?

Yeah, absolutely. I think the most exciting thing about this character for me, as an actor, was that he's really undefined as you go into the series. It sets the platform to kind of go anywhere I want, in as far as storyline. And it's been really interesting to watch him grow and get a new script each week and see where this kid is going. A lot of the other characters are very defined when you go into the series, and he's very special in that sense.

He's also painted as a villain — but do you think he accurately represents a certain type of person in show business?

I've definitely met some Ellises in my day! I think that's why there's such a strong reaction to the character, because no matter what business you're in — whether you're in theater or anywhere — you know this person. We all know an Ellis who's overly ambitious, and really brown-nosing the boss, and kind of slips up under your radar. I think that's why people are really responding in such a [strong] way, because we all know this person.

We know Ellis is ambitious, but why? What's his driving factor?

I think as the series goes on, you kind of get more definition about why he is so ambitious. He starts working for Tom and Julia at first, and he's working for people of this caliber, and he's very intrigued by this world he's working in. He's getting to see how these people are treated and how much money they're making — he sees all the facts, because he's the assistant, he sees all the numbers. I think he gets a taste of this world, he gets a taste of these lavish parties, and he wants it for himself because he's never had it before. That's very attractive for him. By all means

necessary, he's going to pursue those things for himself.

Is producing his passion, or is he going to try to make his way onstage?

He kind of makes a decision about choosing production as the way to go. I think that stems from his ambition, from watching behind the scenes, from being behind the table and watching how the actors are being treated and the drama he's seeing on the side. I think he decides producing is the way to go to be in a position with the most power.

What is his biggest weakness?

Probably the blindness of his ambition. He's just kind of doing whatever it takes — but he brashly makes decisions sometimes without thinking about them, which sometimes works in his favor and sometimes not. It's his biggest asset and his biggest weakness — how much cojones he has, but also how little he thinks.

Do you relate to those characteristics?

Jaime and Ellis are very different people. I would say that I definitely admire his ambition. If I had as much ambition as my character does, in real life, I'd probably be in a very different spot. It's really shocking to get the script and be like, "Oh wow, this kid is not playing games. He really wants this badly."



Jaime Cepero has had fun shaping the character of Ellis. HANDOUT

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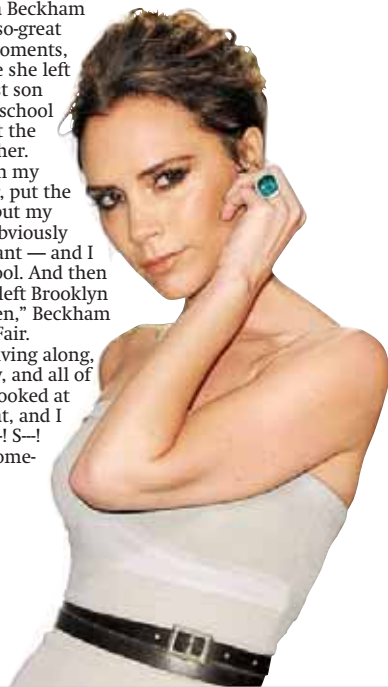
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Step your parenting game up Posh

Even famous mother of four Victoria Beckham has her not-so-great parenting moments, like the time she left to take eldest son Brooklyn to school — but forgot the kid all together.

"I jump in my Range Rover, put the car seat in, put my iPod on — obviously very important — and I drive to school. And then I realize, I'd left Brooklyn in the kitchen," Beckham tells Vanity Fair.

"I was driving along, talking away, and all of a sudden, I looked at the front seat, and I was like, 'S—! S—! I've forgot something!'"



Cowell: As humble as ever

Simon Cowell may not have wanted to keep Cheryl Cole on the U.S. edition of The X Factor, but he's more than happy to take credit for the success she's had in the U.K.

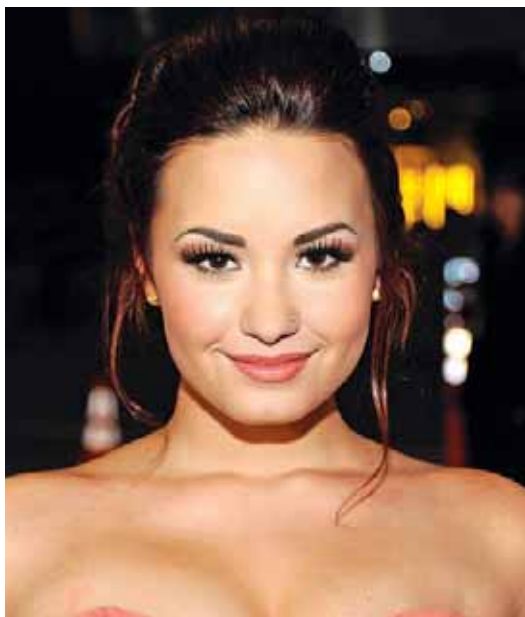
"Even though we went through that pretty horrible period, I could look Cheryl in the eye and say what I did for her in those two years propelled her into a different league," Cowell

tells GQ magazine, admitting that while the debacle with the U.S. show may have created some distance between them, he'd still be open to working together again.

"She was hurt. It all ended pretty badly, to be honest," he says. "I always said to her the door is permanently open. It's entirely up to her what she wants to do."

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Demi and Miley vie for last X Factor seat



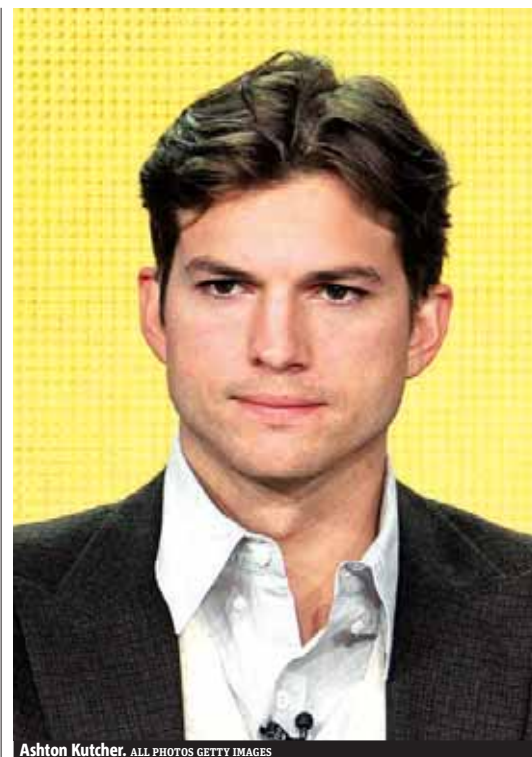
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With Britney Spears reportedly set to fill one of the empty judges' panel seats on The X Factor, it's a starlet faceoff for the final slot since former judges Paula Abdul and Nicole Scherzinger were kicked off the show after its first season.

And according to conflicting reports, it looks like it's down to two former Disney stars.

Celebuzz.com reports that executive Simon Cowell has been considering Miley Cyrus for the spot, while The Hollywood Reporter insists that Demi Lovato is close to a deal — and even in the "final negotiations" stage of securing the job. I know this sounds, well, crazy, but if these ladies are to decide who has authentic talent on a national television show, why not find someone who actually writes their own music and isn't auto-tuned within an inch of their life?

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Ashton Kutcher. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Kutcher brings in the big bucks

With a new deal reportedly in place, Ashton Kutcher will be returning for another season of Two and a Half Men, according to Deadline.

For next year's run — the popular sitcom's 10th season — Kutcher will reportedly bring in \$700,000

per episode, with co-star John Cramer making slightly less than Kutcher and young Angus T. Jones earning \$300,000 per episode. Each actor signed a one-year contract, sparking speculation that the 10th season could be the show's last.

Witherspoon flaunts her bump

While she hasn't yet made an official announcement about her pregnancy, Reese Witherspoon is doing little to hide the obvious.

The Oscar-winning actress was spotted out and about in her L.A. neighborhood this week in a thin, clingy purple dress, according to Radar Online. And this past weekend, Witherspoon and husband Jim Toth turned heads at the White House Correspondents' Dinner in Washington, D.C., with her in a tight top that accentuated her growing bump.

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He's starting with the man in the mirror

Ladies, take a breather. The boys are learning how to shop

Don't be fooled by the old "my girlfriend bought me this" line.

Fashion insiders say men are taking a keen interest in how they dress — and that means developing their own shopping habits. The biggest difference in how they shop for clothes? Probably research — and purpose.

A Saturday at the shopping mall is not a highlight on most men's calendars, says Tyler Thoreson, head of Gilt Groupe's menswear editorial and creative divisions. Even when they're shopping online, they're not surfing many websites or coming back to them day after day, he says, but when they find something they like, they are passionate and potentially more loyal than women.

Call shopping "entertainment" and they're not buying it, but describing it as a "hobby" is something else, he says.

Men can "geek out" when it comes to the construction and even minutia of a gar-



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ment. "I'm not just talking about a 'fashion guy.' For many men, your wardrobe is part of your program of discernment. They'll learn about it like a car or a wine or a watch," Thoreson says. "Guys can be busting each other's chops in one breath and

talking about soft construction on the shoulder of a suit in the next. They love construction, specs. It's about what's under the hood."

You now see men dressing for the life they want to lead and image they want to project, agrees Eric Jennings, vice-president and fashion director of menswear for Saks Fifth Avenue. Shopping and, even worse, trying things on are necessary evils to get there.

They go to stores on a mission and like to get it accomplished, he says.

They'll come in knowing exactly what they want and will buy in multiples. But, he adds, the modern customer is buying a broader range of products and sees a value in being knowledgeable about them.

Paul Grangaard, CEO of shoe brand Allen Edmonds, says when it comes to fashion, men are hunters and women are gatherers. Different methods, different mentalities, but both can end up with full closets, he says.

"Shopping is not a man's favourite when it's about waiting for women. It's not a leisure activity. Shopping for their own clothing isn't their favourite place, either, but there is a renaissance — it's small but steady — as men are interested in an upgrade," Jennings says. "Coming out of the recession, they know they have to take appearance more seriously. It can be that thing for a new job or a promotion."

And, he adds, if they're dressing well during the

Speaking of swagger

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Tyler Thoreson. Gilt Groupe

week, it's likely to become a habit on weekends.

"Men travel in herds, and when it's OK in your friendship group to care about how you look on the weekends,

it spreads pretty quickly," observes Grangaard. "Since the recession of 2008, you're

always net-

working. Men dress

better for midweek

coffee and

lunches and on

weekends

because you

never know

who you'll run

into where.

You always

want to look

secure, stable

and reliable."

It's hard to

do that in beat-

up jeans and

running shoes.

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What's trending?

Tyler Thoreson says he looks around midtown Manhattan and quite literally sees a change.

- You see men — creative types and hipsters, not just bankers, he stresses — voluntarily wearing ties
- On Gilt's upscale Park & Bond

website, for example, neckwear sales increased 33 per cent in 2011 over the previous year. "They're wearing ties because they want to, not because they have to."

- Other booming items are pocket squares, Converse sneakers, tie clips and rope bracelets.

Paul Smith: 'I'm like a cocktail'

Studio visit. The fashion designer has 14 lines, an in-house team of 180 people and a ton of collectibles

KENYA HUNT

Metro World News in London

"I said something really stupid the other day," Sir Paul Smith says as we sit in his London office. "When asked about it, I told someone that I'm not really a collector. But I have large quantities of the same thing. Then I realized, that is actually a collector," he says laughing,

making the understatement of the year.

He's standing over an intimidating pile of autographed cycling jerseys given to him by famous racing champions (Smith is a long-time fan of the sport). That pile sits next to leaning towers of art and fashion books, numbering in the hundreds, which are in turn

surrounded by walls of bookshelves filled with everything from biographies and novels to toys, cameras, soccer balls and works of photography. Limited edition bicycles and rare works of art round it all out.

"I think you can tell from this office that my head is full of curiosity," he says. "I'm happy to have something that costs

50 pence or something from a famous person. In the same way, all of my collections are different and fun. Paul Smith is like a cocktail of many ingredients that are very intriguing to people," he says, once again playing things down a bit.

His brand is more like a jumbo smoothie — his building houses a total of 180 employees who design 26 collections a year across his 14 lines. Those numbers would make the average person's eyes glaze over.

During our time together, Smith greets every person he comes across by name, with a personal anecdote to boot. But Smith seems to operate best as a multitasker. "It's great for business because there's something for everybody."



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LIFE

Style file

No Mother's Day for model

Please, no flowers for Christy Turlington Burns this Mother's Day. No chocolates and no last-minute, convenience-store cards, either.

A handmade craft from her children would be OK, but mostly what she wants is to have a conversation about the important role that mothers — and grandmothers and great-grandmothers, too — play in families and in larger communities all over the world.

"I never was more appreciative of my own mom and all the other moms out there than when I became one myself," said Turlington Burns, a model, businesswoman and documentary filmmaker, whose children are now six and eight years old. Her No Mother's Day Mother's Day is a way to draw attention to maternal mortality, the cause at the heart of the Every Mother Counts advocacy campaign she founded in 2010. It's also a way to get back to the basics and, hopefully, cut through "all the noise" that now comes with a holiday that the National Retail Federation estimates will come with an \$18.6 billion price tag in spending by Americans this year.

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On the Web



Exotic skins — real and faux — fuel interesting, luxurious style without going over the top.



"I have so much going on all the time it can be hard to follow, but it's also fantastic," says Smith.

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Trend alert: The toe-cap pump

Pointy-toed pumps dipped in contrasting colours at the cap just might be spring's most seductive and unavoidable trend.

KENTYA HUNT
Metro World News in London

If we had to choose a starting point for pointy-toed pumps, we'd pick Marc Jacobs's spring Louis Vuitton collection, which was littered with pretty pastel heels made sexy with metallic, razor sharp toes (see the mule versions below).

The idea has since trickled down to just about everywhere, appearing on the sales floor in Topshop and on the feet of Kate Moss and Solange Knowles.



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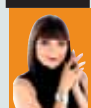
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@Jeanne_Beker: Okay, so here's the question: Do YOU fret about getting older???

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I once gave my Mom a t-shirt: "After 40, it's Mainly Maintenance". I am 45 and believe this. You are what you eat & do :)

@rouquinne I'm ashamed to tell you that yes, I do fret about getting older and there are so many reasons; most of them probably stupid...

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yes i have been fretting about getting older ever since i have been out of work. I keep my hair long to look younger.

@held123 no, I'm kind of looking forward to it.



@Jeanne_Beker: My hero Gus. Growing with leaps and beautiful bounds!



@Jeanne_Beker: Walking Gus makes me stop to smell the roses...errr... tulips! Dogs are good for the soul.

Decor dilemma: creative fixes for your flat-screen TV space

Decorative interest.

If you're not mounting your TV on the wall, here's what to do with that empty space



DESIGN CENTRE
Karl Lohnes
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Q: We love our apartment's Art Deco decor but the wall space around the television looks too bland. I don't want to hang the television, so what can I do to add some decorative interest?

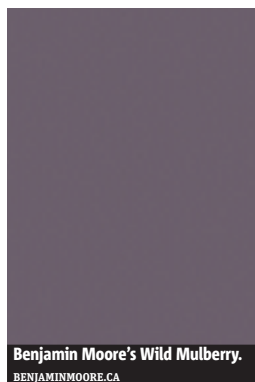
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A: This is a common problem when people choose to sit their flat-screen TV on a credenza rather than mounting it on the wall — they are left with a lot of space above the television and don't know how to treat it.

As this is the focal wall in your living area, I suggest treating the walls with something that will add drama and style to the overall room without drawing too much attention to the space above the TV.

Paint the corner pillar a deep colour to allow it to be an architectural element in the room. I suggest Benjamin Moore's Wild Mulberry, a darker, more neutral version of the accent colour that you have in your pillows and rug.

You might want to carry this colour onto another focal wall area like the end of a hallway or in the bed-



Benjamin Moore's Wild Mulberry.
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room. This will help create a constant colour flow throughout the apartment.

Use wallpaper behind the television to add much-needed pattern and texture to the room. I love the Art Deco feel of Graham & Brown's Illusion wallpaper (\$60/roll), which highlights the square edges you have in your furniture. The good thing about wallpaper these days is that it's easily removed (simply peel) when you move out or change your colour scheme.

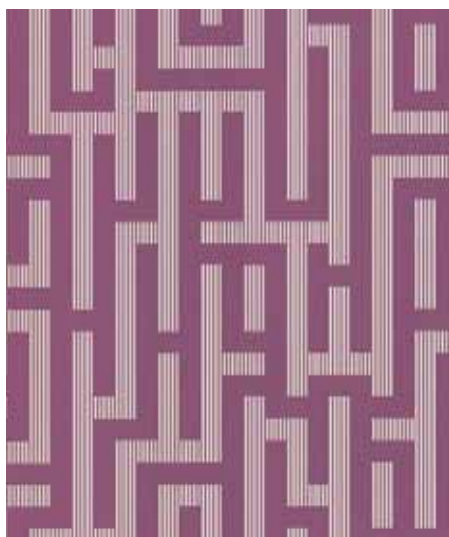
Hang something sculptural to help fill the empty space above the television, but not an attention-grabber like a large wall clock or painting.

The Starburst mirror from Crate and Barrel (\$247) has great Art Deco elements that will add a sculptural quality to the space. Hang it in the centre of the empty wall space, not directly above the television.

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This living room needs decorative interest on the empty wall behind the television. HANDOUT



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Give your home a spring refresh

DIY. With spring in the air, now is a perfect time to breathe new life into your home's exterior and interior

Whether you're thinking of selling your home or craving some updates, there's no better time to breathe some new life into it than in the spring. Sweat Equity's Amy Matthews helps homeowners tackle projects themselves and gives tips and techniques on saving money along the way.

We've assembled some of Amy's sound advice for increasing property value while transforming spaces into something you'll be proud to call home.

Sometimes it's the outside that counts

With spring in the air, now is a great time to give the exterior of your house some love and care.

Replacing exterior siding and rejuvenating landscaping is a sure way to increase property value while also making it feel like you're returning to a brand new space.

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will provide proper protection from the elements, which can eliminate the need for maintenance projects down the line.

Try to keep lawn improvements on par with other homes in your neighbourhood, while ensuring that basics such as a full green lawn and groomed shrubbery are checked off your list.

Colourful spring flowers are cheerful to come home to and can highlight a home's best features, such as complementing the colour of a new front door or accenting a walkway or deck.

Interior care

After admiring your home's refreshed exterior, why not continue the new look inside?

Painting is an easy way to make any room feel brand new. Stay away from uniform neutrals and try different colours in the various rooms of your house — maybe even consider an accent wall in your living room or bedroom.

If you're thinking of selling, remember that choosing the right colour can really pay off since it makes a first impression when walking into a space.

Too extreme a colour can turn potential buyers away. It's also best to stay away from wallpaper if you're thinking of selling because it is unlikely that potential buyers will share your taste in patterns and removal can be costly.

Bathroom updates

As long as it's running efficiently, keep bathroom plumbing as is and focus on surface upgrades such as installing modern fixtures on cabinets, showers and sinks — this is a sure way to build some real sweat equity.

Installing a new tile floor will also do wonders to refresh the space. Cost permitting, consider continuing tile up the walls to the ceiling — it not only looks great but is a lot easier to keep clean than paint.

Before installing flooring, consider purchasing an updated vanity and toilet to complete the new look. Focused lighting can create a spa-like sensation, regardless of how small the space.

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A seaberry bush is an excellent choice when planting berries. LEE REICH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Berry, berry, quite extraordinary

Gardening. Some shrubs do double duty, offering tasty berries and beauty

Decisions, decisions. Should your shrubs offer tasty berries or good looks?

No need to choose between the two — there are plenty of shrubs that are ornamental and bear edible berries as well.

Berry shrubs are as easy to grow as strictly ornamental shrubs. Pests rarely pose a threat, which is fortunate. Since you're likely to plant ornamentals near living areas where you can enjoy their looks, you don't want to have to spray anything near where you dine al fresco or where children regularly tumble in the grass.

But there is one pest that might not resist getting into your shrubs: birds. However, some berry shrubs bear more than enough fruit to share with feathered friends. And

if you like birds, attracting them may just be another plus for these plants.

Location, location

Although a berry shrub can be as easy to grow as any forsythia or lilac, berry shrubs do — like those two ornamentals — need some attention. As with any plant, check out site conditions before you plant.

For berry shrubs, make sure that soil drainage is adequate. If water still stands in a foot-deep hole for more than 12 hours after you pour water into it, the site is too boggy for most shrubs.

In that case, plant your shrub atop a wide mound of soil to get its roots out of the waterlogged zone, or choose a site with better drainage.

Another requirement is abundant sunlight — at least six hours per day. They need light both for flavour and yield. The sweetness in a blueberry fruit, for example, represents the conversion of the sun's energy to sugar. Red currants are exceptions; they fruit well in the shade.

Which bush to choose?

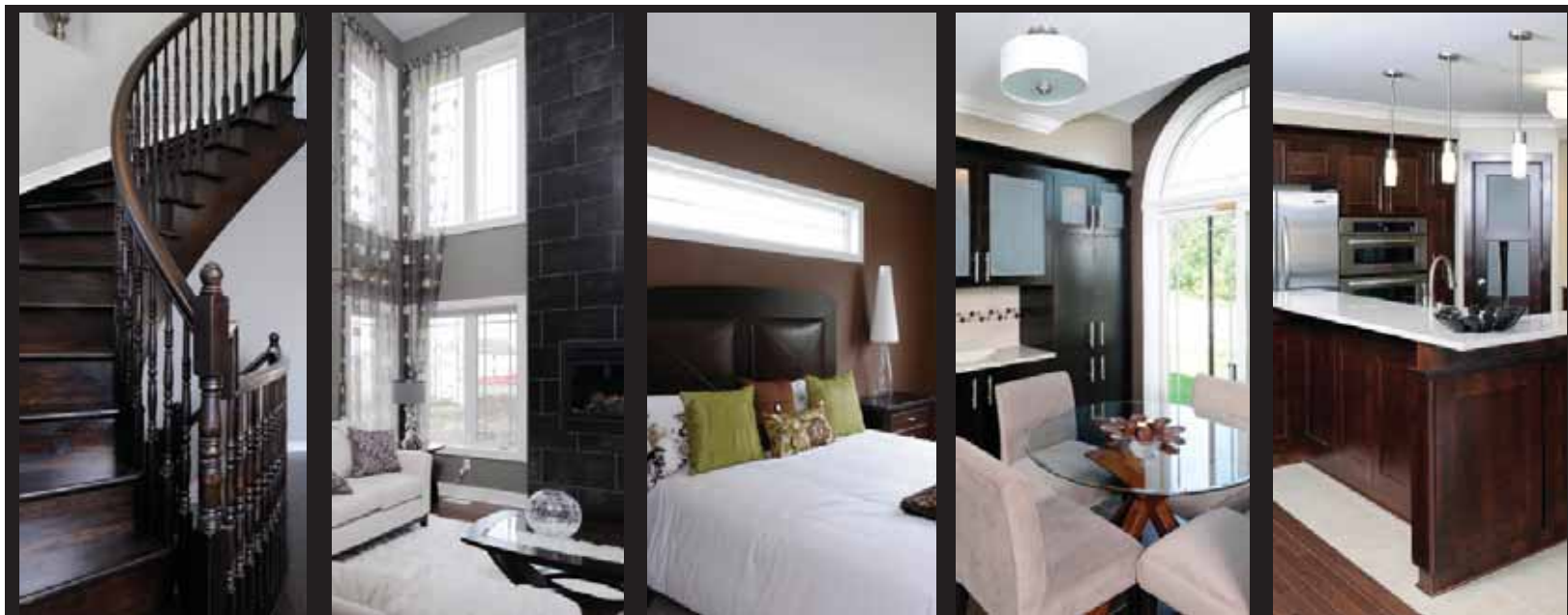
Fruit-bearing, ornamental shrubs include lowbush and highbush blueberry, junberry, quince, gummi, seaberry, beach plum, Nanking cherry, red (white and pink) currant, rose, huckleberry, pineapple guava, pomegranate and clove currant.

A little pruning for a lot of berries

Many berry shrubs require regular pruning. Pruning allows stems to bask in light and bathe in air, keeping a shrub productive and limiting disease problems. Regularly removing old stems also makes way for younger, more productive ones.

Pruning is generally not needed until your plant's fourth winter. Just take your hand shears or lopping shears (the latter if stems are thicker than about half an inch) and cut a few of the oldest, thickest stems to ground level, or to luscious, low-side shoots.

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Well isn't that pinteresting?

Social media.

Pinterest gives crafters and DIYers a place to get novel ideas — and to show off their own

Pinterest is a relative newcomer to social media, but it has changed the way that many crafters and do-it-yourselfers organize and share ideas.

"It should be called Jessa Decker-Smith's Interests. It's made for me," says Jessa Decker-Smith of Denver, who writes a craft blog called Happily Home Sewn.

She says she spent "a solid two or three days obsessing" about Pinterest when she signed on a few months ago. She uses it to find, organize and share sewing projects and crafts, mostly, but also recipes, fashion and organizing tips.

Pinterest is an online pin-board to which you "pin" favourite pictures and ideas. It's a public display of personal tastes and interest. Subjects include travel, food, home decorating — whatever you can think of — but craft bloggers were among the first to catch the Pinterest bug, according to Lauren Indvik, an editor at the social media news blog Mashable.com.

Decker-Smith's friend and fellow crafter Kristin Cunningham, uses Pinterest for hunting down home-schooling projects for her two young kids, and pins gardening ideas and workout routines. Both women like that the images they pin on Pinterest entice new readers to their blogs.

No matter how many times an item is re-pinned, viewers are taken to its original site — something that works well for media empires such as Martha Stewart Living, which employs "an army" of pinners to keep it among the top brands getting pinned, according to Kelly Alfieri, digital editorial director for Martha Stewart Living.

Other big names that get a lot of Pinterest play include Better Homes & Gardens, HGTV, Whole Foods Market and West Elm.

"Now we have a way for our images to be portable and have those images drive people back to the (web)site," says Alfieri.

And because Martha Stewart Living editors can track which items get pinned and how often, they know that crafting is by far their most popular subject. Alfieri says about 22,000 people follow Martha Stewart Living on Pinterest, but 45,000 people keep track of its crafting boards.

"I think that's the Pinterest audience," says Alfieri. "It's a lot of crafters."

Success on Pinterest may lead to changes in the Martha Stewart Living magazine and online site. Although crafts have long been a focus, "We realize we have to ramp up our crafts on the website and in the magazine," says Alfieri.

What's on Pinterest?

"It's stuff that people find beautiful or interesting."

Jessa Decker-Smith, craft blogger

More than 80 per cent of all Pinterest pins are re-pins, Indvik says, meaning folks aren't sharing original artwork and ideas — they're mostly sharing the ideas of others.

"That's sort of the beauty of the site," says Decker-Smith. "Someone else has gone out and found this wonderful thing."

Pinterest was launched in early 2010, and interest in

it spiked about six months ago, says Indvik. Today, "Pinterest regularly surpasses Facebook and Twitter as referrals" to Martha Stewart Living, says Alfieri.

The Pinterest charm — its breadth of ideas and images — can also be a viewer's curse. Decker-Smith warns that you can get lost in the Pinterest world, as she did when she first joined. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Pinterest responded to a request for some of its most popular "boards" with these sites:

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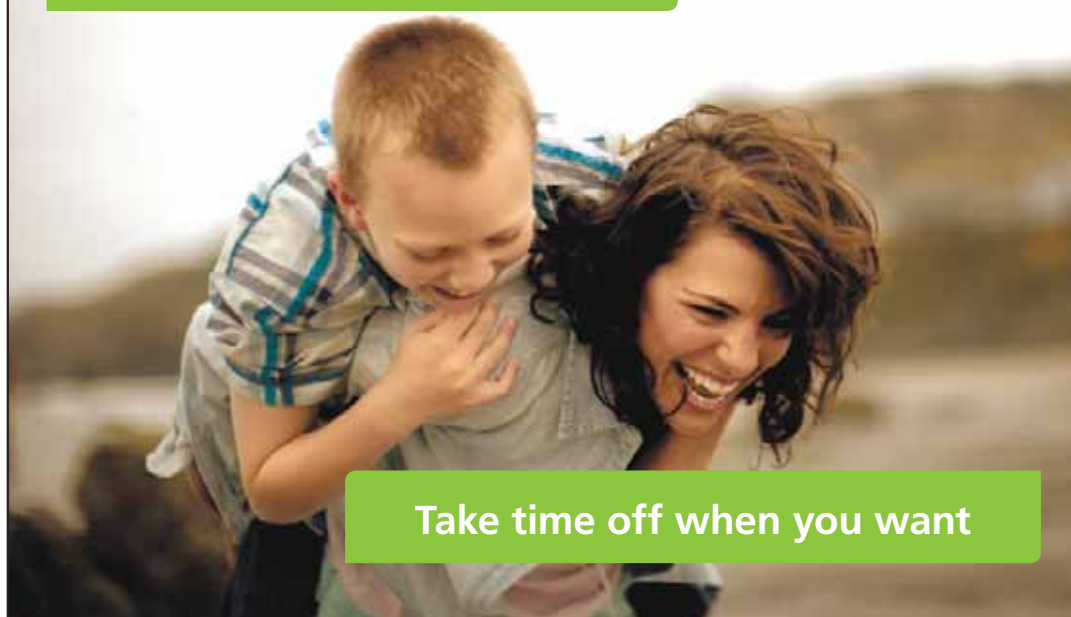
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SPECIAL INFORMATION FEATURE



Brewmaster Don Harms invites you to try a Maibock at the Kichesippi Brewery. JEFF O'REILLY/FOR METRO

Refreshing, malty Flair

Kichesippi Maibock.
New beer is something special with full aromas of rich, pale malts

JEFF O'REILLY
For Metro

It sure doesn't seem like it, but it was two years ago when Paul Meek was dropping off a couple of barrels of his brand spanking new brewery's Kichesippi Natural Blonde to me at D'Arcy McGee's on Sparks Street and giving me the pleasure of receiving invoice No. 1 (nothing like being the first one to owe someone money).

I guess time flies when you're having fun, and Meek's team has been brewing up a storm ever since. With an army of loyal Longnosers drinking Kichesippi's beers on tap and wide local distribution of the Natural Blonde in

sexy new painted bottles at LCBOs and Beer Stores, and 1855 Dark Ale available on tap year round, seasonal offerings of 613IPA, Festbier, LOGGER Pennsylvania Porter and Wu-chak Black have seen brewing capacity double in the last year.

One of the absolute best things to happen to the brewery was the arrival of brewmaster Don Harms from Halifax's Propeller Brewing Company. Well-known and respected in the industry, Harms brought real credibility and creativity to the brewery, as well as a personality and sense of flair that very few possess.

And while his gregarious nature and unusual fashion sense (he favours short pants year round) may lead you to believe he is a bit of a joker, when it comes to beer, his knowledge, reverence and respect for his craft are unquestionable. Paying pragmatic homage to the traditional styles and processes of the legendary brewers that came before him, his approach to the art and science of brewing

are inspiring. After all, a great beer really is a thing of beauty.

I stopped by the bustling brewery to take a sneak peek at its new beer — and Kichesippi Maibock (pronounced MY-bock), is something special.

With origins in the German town of Einbeck, Bocks are a diverse style of strong lagers with a refreshing malty flair. Harms has adhered to the time-honoured process sourcing malts and yeast from Germany and adding traditional Hallertau hops while allowing the beer to brew and mature for a full 45 days.

Kichesippi Maibock (6.35 per cent alcohol by volume) pours with the glow of a shiny new penny with an ample, but tightly packed white head into a Kichesippi pint glass, which allows the full aromas of rich, pale malts to waft freely.

Delicious caramel and toffee malt flavourings delight as the soft grassy hop bitterness that follows balances nicely. The mouth feel is buttery smooth and deliciously refreshing with a short, lingering finish. Prost!

Tofood. You will come back for more

SAMANTHA EVERTS
For Metro

Dragon's Den didn't need to pluck the Ottawa entrepreneurs behind Tofood from obscurity to bring the company to more than 300 Metro grocery stores across Ontario and Quebec.

Sue Noble and Diane Craig did it for themselves after proving their popularity in a Glebe Metro in September 2011 by going through 28 kilograms (62 pounds) of tofu

in less than three hours. The store manager came up to them and said, "Well girls, we need another delivery on Monday morning. We were shocked it worked," says Craig. The best friends recognized the opportunity and carefully organized themselves to prepare for their unexpectedly welcome second career.

Tofood is small sized cubes of firm tofu sourced from Unisoya in Montreal, marinated in delicious flavour options of lemon, Thai

or sun-dried tomato. Noble developed the original sun-dried tomato flavour as tofu kebabs for her vegetarian husband using capers, basil, balsamic and olive oil.

Having a container of smaller cubes always perfectly marinated to toss into everything was the obvious progression for Noble's recipe. "It's tofu done accessible. Once people taste it they come back for more," says Craig, explaining that their target is the mainstream market. The texture resembles

that of feta cheese and can be used in salads, as sandwich fillings, omelets or even alongside meats.

"We're coming out with a Moroccan flavour for summer with carrots, raisins and cumin," says Noble.

"We just wanted to see it in packages," Craig says humbly. The successful entrepreneurs now oversee the distribution and quality control from their base at Signatures Kitchen.

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Lemon is one flavour of Craig & Noble's Tofood. SAMANTHA EVERTS/FOR METRO

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Turning over a new leaf

Catering. Vegans and vegetarians now have options when hosting dinner parties, events

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If you are stuck arranging a dinner party or an event for a vegan what are you to do?

Opting for an exclusively vegetarian caterer means the chefs must have a greater understanding of what goes into a substantial veggie meal. Ottawa's Credible Edibles, Vegetarian Treasures and N & E Soul Foods make sure even the meat-eaters have happy bellies.

Credible Edibles (credibleedibles.ca) provides "Green Catering" to groups of five to 200 in its corn-based containers that can be filled with a healthy breakfast, lunches, and snacks.

Suggested menu items must be requested, but considering the advertised Salisbury "steak" with gravy and curried Chick'n salad listed, whatever you order has the

fun flare Credible Edibles has become known for. Menus are easily "veganized."

Vegetarian Treasures (vegetariantreasures.com/) has plenty of experience with weddings to corporate events, offering nutritious vegan menus, all sugar-free, and gluten-free soups and spreads.

Mediterranean stuffed vine leaves, rosemary black bean salad and ginger-marinated tofu are some of the choices. Home and office deliveries take place on Thursdays.

The newest kid on the block is N & E Soul Foods (nesoulfoods.com/). The vegan mother-daughter team announced its business opening at Veg Fest last month. Theirs is a strictly dairy-free kitchen.

"My favourite has got to be the chimichangas," co-owner Natasha Condie says of the Mexican burrito dish.

Similar to Credible Edibles, they are using recyclable packaging, mainly in the form of mason jars. They offer soups like coconut curry and entrees from kid-friendly sloppy joes to fancy quinoa casserole in individual and family-sized portions.



Elaine Morneau and Natasha Condie of N & E Soul Foods are happy to cater for the growing demand for vegan meals. SAMANTHA EVERTS/FOR METRO

'The County' is coming to the City

Prince Edward County is Canada's fastest growing wine region. Not to be mistaken with Prince Edward Island, "The County," as it is commonly referred to, is only a three-hour drive from downtown Ottawa.

In the heart of The County, the quaint Loyalist town of Picton boasts restaurants, inns, shops, Sandbanks Provincial Park and, most importantly, 25-plus wineries await your visit. It's no wonder The County is a perfect day trip or weekend getaway.

The County is coming to the City! No need to wait for the summer to discover The County as more than 15 wineries (both large operations and small family run wineries) are coming to Ottawa May 9 to give you a taste of what is in store when you visit their property. This is the first time the wineries have come together to host a wine tasting event of this magnitude in Ottawa.

Meet the winery owners and winemakers to learn more about their

winery, their vineyards and sample their best wines.

Take note that the wines from Prince Edward County have been quickly making an impression. Internationally renowned wine writer Matt Kramer of Wine Spectator Magazine, named Norman Hardie's Prince Edward County Chardonnay VQA 2008 as one of his top wines of 2011. "This is a truly great Chardonnay of compelling character," Kramer said.

Now it's your turn to be impressed. When The County comes to the City, you can order any combination of your favourite wines directly from the winemakers to be delivered straight to your home or office.

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Leave the meat option in the freezer and go veggie instead

Did you know that a head of cauliflower can be sliced into two thick "steaks" that hold up well on the grill? They can be seasoned as you see fit, and topped with whatever you like. In this recipe, the seasonings are simple, then topped with lightly poached eggs and truffle oil, creating a delicious sauce.

1. Heat a grill to medium. Bring a large saucepan of water to a low simmer.

2. Use a paring knife to trim away the leaves and any stem at the base of the cauliflower, but do not cut out the core. Stand the head of cauliflower upright on its base. Use a large bread or other serrated knife to trim away 1/2 inch on either side of the head. Reserve these pieces for another use.

3. Leaving the head standing upright, use the knife to slice the cauliflower in half down the centre to create 2 even halves. Sprinkle both



This recipe serves two. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

sides of each half with olive oil, then with salt, pepper, a bit of the garlic powder and a little lemon juice.

4. Carefully set the "steaks" on the grill, cover and cook

for 8 minutes.

5. Use spatula to carefully flip cauliflower and grill for 8 minutes, or until both sides are lightly browned and tender. Transfer to serv-

ing plates, then cover with foil to keep warm.

6. Once the cauliflower is done, add the vinegar to the simmering water.

Ingredients

- 1 large head cauliflower
- Olive oil
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 1 tablespoon white or cider vinegar
- 2 eggs
- Truffle oil (or truffle-flavoured olive oil)

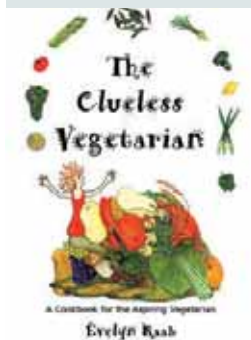
7. Crack 1 egg into a small glass, then gently and slowly pour it into the simmering water by bringing the lip of the glass right down to the surface of the water so the egg slides in. Cook for 4 minutes, then use a slotted spoon to lift out the egg (letting excess water drip away), setting it one of the cauliflower steaks. Repeat with the remaining egg.

8. Season the eggs with salt and pepper, then drizzle with truffle oil. Serve immediately.

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Cookbook of the Week

The Clueless Vegetarian



The Clueless Vegetarian by Evelyn Raab is designed for those who love good food, cooked from scratch, but also have to have a life. If you've just switched to a vegetarian diet, the book's straightforward nutritional info will help you in making good food choices. If you've been practicing for a while, you'll discover new recipes and methods.

Among the eats included are: Creamy Carrot Soup, Roasted Tomato Fettuccine, Potato Latkas, Spanakopita and more.

METRO

Gazpacho Salad. Soup inspires refreshing salad

1. In a small bowl, combine garlic, oil, vinegar, salt, pepper and rosemary.

2. Cut the tomatoes in half crosswise and gently squeeze out the seeds; cut into 2-cm (3/4-inch) pieces. Place in a large bowl; add the cucumber, yellow pepper, green onions and rustic

croutons.

3. Pour dressing over top; toss well but gently. Let stand for 5 minutes to soften croutons.

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Ingredients

- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) olive oil
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) sherry
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- Pinch each black pepper and crumbled dried rosemary
- 3 medium greenhouse tomatoes
- Half a greenhouse cucumber, chopped
- 1 yellow pepper, chopped
- 3 green onions, sliced
- 500 ml (2 cups) rustic croutons (2-cm/3/4-inch cubes)



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NFL

Junior Seau found shot dead

Former NFL star Junior Seau was found shot to death at his home Wednesday morning in what police said appeared to be a suicide. He was 43.

Police Chief Frank McCoy said Seau's girlfriend reported finding him unconscious with a gunshot wound to the chest and lifesaving efforts were unsuccessful.

A gun was found near him, McCoy said. Police said no suicide note was found.

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Clemens retrial

Key testimony may be tossed out

After stumbling its way to a mistrial of Roger Clemens last year, the government is struggling again in the retrial of the seven-time Cy Young Award winner — to the point that the crux of Andy Pettitte's testimony might be tossed out.

First, the exasperated judge criticized the questioning of Pettitte on Wednesday, then he ruled against prosecutors in another matter. Finally he cried out: "You're taking positions that are totally absurd to me."

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NHL

Canadiens name Bergevin new GM

The Montreal Canadiens introduced former NHL defenceman Marc Bergevin as its new general manager Wednesday.

Bergevin succeeds Pierre Gauthier, who was fired in March.

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Shuffled Jays lineup routs the Rangers

MLB. Toronto takes two of three games from red-hot Texas

Wednesday's game

11

Blue Jays

5

Rangers



Edwin Encarnacion, right, celebrates his three-run homer with teammates Jose Bautista and Yunel Escobar during the sixth inning on Wednesday in Toronto. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

With the top of the order off to a mediocre start, Toronto Blue Jays manager John Farrell made several lineup changes for Wednesday's series finale against the Texas Rangers.

The moves paid immediate dividends as the club turned in one of its best offensive efforts of the season.

Kelly Johnson and Edwin Encarnacion homered and ace Ricky Romero earned his fourth win as the Blue Jays defeated the Rangers 11-5.

Farrell moved Johnson into the leadoff role and Yunel Escobar down to the No. 2 spot. Adam Lind got the day off so Encarnacion batted in the cleanup spot.

The Blue Jays responded with an 11-hit attack and took advantage of their opportunities against one of the top teams in the major leagues.

"I don't want to say it was just a pure shakeup of the lineup," Farrell said. "But I

think sometimes you put a guy in a different slot and all of a sudden they have a different view and maybe a fresh start and it worked out today."

Johnson hit a two-run shot in the third inning and Encarnacion added insurance with a three-run blast in the sixth. Escobar chipped in with a three-run triple for the Blue Jays (14-11). Romero (4-0) allowed six hits and five earned runs over eight innings. Reliever Joel

Carreno, who was recalled from triple-A Las Vegas earlier in the day, had two strikeouts in a 1-2-3 ninth inning.

Both Johnson and Escobar have handled leadoff duties in their careers. Farrell wouldn't commit to locking them in at those spots but did say it's something the team may look to go with "for a little bit."

Johnson was asked if the switch to the No. 1 spot made any difference to him.

"Eleven runs difference today so I guess we'll stick with it," he said with a smile.

Texas scored four runs in the fifth inning but Encarnacion put the game out of reach with his team-leading ninth homer of the season.

It was the Blue Jays' second straight home series victory as

the club improved its record at the Rogers Centre to 8-7.

Texas cut into Toronto's lead in the fifth after Romero walked the bases loaded. Andrus knocked in two runs when centre-fielder Colby Rasmus misjudged the line drive and had it sail over his head all the way to the wall.

"You try not to panic in those situations," Romero said. "When things are going a little sideways, you've just got to slow it down. You've just got to realize that one, you're winning the game and two, you have a defence behind you that's going to make plays."

"That's what I was able to do. I came out after that and I was aggressive."

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SPORTS

Quoted

"I felt like I played well and a lot of things are coming together and I feel like I'm progressing in a very good manner."

Canadian tennis player Milos Raonic who has jumped up two places in this week's ATP world rankings to a career-best No. 23 after a semifinal showing on the red clay at the Barcelona Open. The hard-serving 21-year-old from Thornhill upset world No. 4 Andy Murray 6-4, 7-6 (3) in the quarter-finals before falling 7-6 (2), 7-6 (5) to No. 6 David Ferrer in the semis on Saturday. The six-foot-five Raonic, who has now beaten six top-10 players in his career, plans on playing only big tournaments this summer, including the Grand Slams and the Summer Olympics.

On the web



Last year, the Dallas Mavericks topped the Oklahoma City Thunder en route to their first-ever NBA championship. In the playoff rematch a year later, the young Thunder appear to have learned from that defeat and are well on their way to sending the Mavs to an early exit. Scan the code for the story.



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EAST DIVISION					EAST DIVISION				
Tampa Bay	W	L	Pct	GB	Washington	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	16	8	.667	—	Atlanta	14	9	.609	—
New York	15	9	.625	1	New York	13	12	.520	2
Toronto	13	10	.565	2½	Philadelphia	12	12	.500	2½
Boston	11	12	.478	4½	Miami	9	14	.391	5
CENTRAL DIVISION					CENTRAL DIVISION				
Cleveland	W	L	Pct	GB	St. Louis	15	8	.652	—
Chicago	11	10	.524	—	Cincinnati	11	11	.500	3½
Detroit	12	11	.522	—	Houston	11	14	.440	5
Kansas City	12	12	.500	½	Milwaukee	11	14	.440	5
Minnesota	7	16	.304	5	Pittsburgh	10	13	.435	5
	6	17	.261	6	Chicago	8	15	.348	7
WEST DIVISION					WEST DIVISION				
Texas	W	L	Pct	GB	Los Angeles	17	8	.680	—
Oakland	17	8	.680	—	Arizona	13	11	.542	3½
Seattle	12	13	.480	5	San Francisco	12	11	.522	4
Los Angeles	11	14	.440	6	Colorado	12	12	.500	4½
	9	15	.375	7½	San Diego	9	17	.346	8½
Yesterday's results									
Toronto 11 Texas 5									
Kansas City 3 Detroit 2									
Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees									
Oakland at Boston									
Seattle at Tampa Bay									
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox									
Minnesota at L.A. Angels									
Tuesday's results									
Toronto 8 Texas 7									
Baltimore 7 N.Y. Yankees 1									
Chicago White Sox 7 Cleveland 2									
Detroit 9 Kansas City 3									
L.A. Angels 4 Minnesota 0									
Oakland 5 Boston 3									
Tampa Bay 3 Seattle 1									
Today's games — All Times Eastern									
Seattle (Millwood 0-2) at Tampa Bay (Niemann 1-3), 1:10 p.m.									
Cleveland (Masterson 0-2) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 2-3), 8:10 p.m.									
N.Y. Yankees (Phelps 0-0) at Kansas City (Duffy 1-2), 8:10 p.m.									
Toronto (Morrow 2-1) at L.A. Angels (Haren 1-1), 10:05 p.m.									
BLUE JAYS 11, RANGERS 5									
Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Kinsler 2b	4	1	0	0	KJhnson 2b	4	2	1	2
Andrus dh	4	1	2	2	YEscorss	5	2	3	3
MYong 3b	4	0	2	1	Bautistrf	3	1	0	1
Napoli 1b	3	0	1	1	Encrc1b	4	1	1	3
N.Cruz rf	4	0	0	0	BFrcms dh	3	1	2	0
Torreal c	4	0	0	0	Lawrie 3b	4	0	0	0
AGhnczss	4	0	0	0	ThamsIf	3	1	1	0
BSnydrif	2	2	1	1	Arenclc	4	1	2	2
DvMkP ph	1	0	0	0	RDavis cf	2	2	1	0
Gentry cf	2	1	1	0	Rsmfsc cf	2	0	0	0
Morind ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	33	5	6	5	Totals	34	11	11	11
Texas 010 040 000 —5									
Toronto 002 603 00x —11									
E—K.Johnson (5), LOB—Texas 5, Toronto 4.									
2B—Andrus (5), Y.Escobar (4), Thames (4),									
Arenclbia (4). 3B—Y.Escobar (1). HR—									
B.Snyder (1), K.Johnson (6), Encarnacion (9).									
SF—Napoli, Bautista.									
Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO			
M.Harrison L,3-2	31-3	8	8	8	2	3			
Feldman	22-3	3	3	3	2	2			
M.Lowe	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Uehara	1	0	0	0	0	2			
Toronto									
R.Romero W,4-0	8	6	5	5	3	6			
Carrero	1	0	0	0	0	2			
WP—M.Harrison. PB—Arenclbia.									
Umpires—Home, Andy Fletcher; First, Rob Drake;									
Second, Joe West; Third, Sam Holbrook.									
T—2:45. A—25,123 (49,260) at Toronto.									

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-7)

All Times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE

N.Y. RANGERS (1) VS. WASHINGTON (7)

(Series tied 1-1)

Last night's result

N.Y. Rangers at Washington

Saturday's game

N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 12:30 p.m.

Monday, May 7

Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 9

x-N.Y. Rangers at Washington, TBA

Saturday, May 12

x-Washington at N.Y. Rangers, TBA

PHILADELPHIA (5) VS. NEW JERSEY (6)

(Series tied 1-1)

Tuesday's result

New Jersey 4 Philadelphia 1

Tonight's game

Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's game

Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 8

New Jersey at Philadelphia, TBA

Thursday, May 10

x-Philadelphia at New Jersey, TBA

Saturday, May 12

x-New Jersey at Philadelphia, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

ST. LOUIS (2) VS. LOS ANGELES (8)

(Los Angeles leads series 2-0)

Monday's result

Los Angeles 5 St. Louis 2

Tonight's game

St. Louis at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

Sunday's game

St. Louis at Los Angeles, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, May 8

x-Los Angeles at St. Louis, TBA

Thursday, May 10

x-St. Louis at Los Angeles, TBA

Saturday, May 12

x-Los Angeles at St. Louis, TBA

PHOENIX (3) VS. NASHVILLE (4)

(Phoenix leads series 2-0)

Last night's result

Phoenix at Nashville

Tomorrow's game

Phoenix at Nashville, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 7

x-Nashville at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

x — played only if necessary.

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NLL PLAYOFFS

DIVISION SEMIFINALS

EAST DIVISION

Tomorrow's game

All Times Eastern

Philadelphia at Rochester, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's game

Buffalo at Toronto, 7 p.m.

WEST DIVISION

Saturday's game

Minnesota at Colorado, 7:30 p.m.

Edmonton at Calgary, 9 p.m.

DIVISION FINALS

EAST

Philadelphia-Rochester winner vs. Buffalo-Toronto winner, Sites and times TBD

WEST

Minnesota-Colorado winner vs. Edmonton-Calgary winner, Sites and times TBD

LATE TUESDAY

DEVILS 4, FLYERS 1

First Period

1. Philadelphia, Read 3 (Schnen, Simmonds) 2:53

Penalties — van Riemsdyk Pha (slashing) 4:22; Timonen Pha (hooking) 9:26; Gionta NJ (slashing) 14:18; Salvador NJ (interference) 20:00.

Second Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — Briere Pha (holding) 12:49; Henrique NJ (slashing) 18:44.

Third Period

2. New Jersey, Larsson 1 (Zubrus, Harrold) 3:08

3. New Jersey, Clarkson 1 (Parise) 11:17

4. New Jersey, Zajac 5 (Gionta, Zubrus) 14:01

5. New Jersey, Salvador 1 (Henrique) 17:09 (en,sh)

Penalties — Zidlicky NJ (elbowing) 1:39; Hartnell Pha (holding stick) 1:52; Zubrus NJ (interference) 15:35; Clarkson NJ, Lilja Pha (roughing), Talbot Pha (misconduct) 19:44; Simmonds Pha (roughing, misconduct) 20:00.

Shots on goal by

New Jersey 13 12 10 — 35

Philadelphia 9 2 9 — 20

Goal — New Jersey: Brodeur (W,5-3); Philadelphia: Bryzgalov (L,5-3). Power plays (goals-chances) — New Jersey: 0-4; Phil: 0-5.

Attendance — 20,131 (19,537) at Philadelphia.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Giroux, Pha	7	8	15
Briere, Pha	7	3	10
McDonald, StL	5	5	10
J.Staal, Pgh	6	3	9
D.Brown, LA	4	5	9
Voracek, Pha	2	7	9
Vermette, Phx	5	3	8
Zajac, NJ	5	3	8
B.Richards, NYR	4	4	8
Crosby, Pgh	3	5	8
Malkin, Pgh	3	5	8

Not including last night's games

HOCKEY

IIHF MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTER

Canadian roster for the IIHF men's world championship which begins tomorrow through May 20 in Helsinki and Stockholm (with position, name, hometown and NHL club; x-withdrew due to injury):

Goaltenders

Devan Dubnyk, Calgary, Edmonton; Matt Hackett, London, Ont., Minnesota; Cam Ward, Sherwood Park, Alta., Carolina.

Defencemen

Jay Bouwmeester, Edmonton, Calgary; Duncan Keith, Pentticon, B.C., Chicago; Marc Methot, Ottawa, Columbus; Dion Phaneuf, Edmonton, Toronto; Luke Schenn, Saskatoon, Toronto; x-PK Subban, Toronto, Montreal; Marc-Edouard Vlasic, Beaconsfield, Que., San Jose.

Forwards

Jamie Benn, Victoria, Dallas; Alexandre Burrows, Pincourt, Que., Vancouver; Jordan Eberle, Regina, Edmonton; Ryan Getzlaf, Regina, Anaheim; Evander Kane, Vancouver, Winnipeg; Andrew Ladd, Maple Ridge, B.C., Winnipeg; Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, Burnaby, B.C., Edmonton; Ryan O'Reilly, Clinton, Ont., Colorado; Corey Perry, Peterborough, Ont., Anaheim; Teddy Purcell, St. John's, N.L., Tampa Bay.

Patrick Sharp, Thunder Bay, Ont., Chicago; Jeff Skinner, Markham, Ont., Carolina; John Tavares, Oakville, Ont., N.Y. Islanders.

Head Coach — Brent Sutter, Viking, Alta.

Assistant Coaches — Guy Boucher, West Island, Que.; Kirk Muller, Carolina.

NFL. Gavel drops on Saints players for bounty scheme

New Orleans Saints linebacker Jonathan Vilma was suspended without pay for the entire 2012 season by the NFL, one of four players punished Wednesday for participating in the team's cash-for-hits bounty system.

Defensive lineman Anthony Hargrove, now with Green Bay, was suspended for the first half of the 16-game season; Saints defensive end Will Smith was barred four games; and linebacker Scott Fujita, now with Cleveland, will miss three games. All were suspended without pay.

The four players have three days to appeal NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell's ruling. NFL Players Association head DeMaurice Smith said the union would fight the penalties. Fujita is a member of the NFLPA's executive committee.

The NFL's statement said Vilma, Hargrove, Smith and Fujita were suspended due to "conduct detrimental to the NFL as a result of their leadership roles" with the bounties. Originally, the league said that 22 to 27 defensive players were involved in the



Jonathan Vilma GETTY IMAGES

Saints in purgatory

An NFL investigation determined that the Saints ran a bounty system from 2009-11 that offered thousands of dollars for big hits that knocked opponents out of games.

- In March, Goodell suspended Saints coach Sean Payton for all of next season and levied other penalties against the club.

illegal scheme, which was orchestrated by then-Saints defensive co-ordinator Gregg Williams.

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Devils put pitchfork in Flyers' road to Round 3

NHL. Philadelphia not so dominant vs. hard-working New Jersey

After Philadelphia rolled over Pittsburgh in Round 1 of the playoffs, there was a perception the Flyers would be the team to beat in the Eastern Conference.

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Getting by New Jersey in the second round seemingly was a given, especially after the No. 6 seed Devils needed seven games to knock off Florida.

Well, it's time to revise that perception. Because, with Game 3 on tap Thursday in New Jersey, this series is tied, 1-1.

The Devils not only showed they could play with the Flyers in splitting the first two games in Philadelphia; they could easily be leading 2-0 in the series. They lost Game 1 4-3 in overtime and dominated in a 4-1, Game 2 win Tuesday without leading scorer Ilya Kovalchuk.

"I think there is a pressure

with being a favourite in a series," Devils coach Peter DeBoer said Wednesday. "We felt that in the Florida series, and I don't think there is any doubt that it is on Philadelphia. That is something that isn't easy to deal with, when you are supposed to win and, not only win, but win convincingly."

The Devils clearly outworked the Flyers in Game 2. They outshot Philadelphia 35-20 and only Ilya Bryzgalov's stellar goaltending allowed the home team to hold a 1-0 lead after two periods.

But New Jersey blew the game open with four consecutive goals in the third. In doing so, the Devils took home-ice advantage — and confidence — back to New Jersey.

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"It is all about the will and desperation. We have to get that back."

Danny Briere, Flyers forward



David Clarkson is congratulated by Zach Parise after crashing the net to score Tuesday night's game-winning goal. TOM MIHALEK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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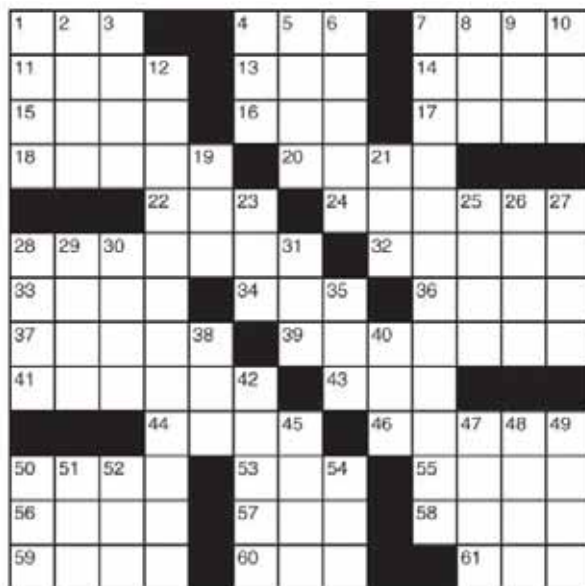
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Crossword

Across

1 Kettle and Bell
4 Tummy muscles
7 Connect
11 "Yeah, right"
13 Famed vaudeville family name
14 "Do — others ..."
15 Burn somewhat
16 Can material
17 Birds' home
18 Necklace carving
20 Earring site
22 Chips accessory
24 Sweet tasting
28 Red
32 A portrayer of 007
33 California town
34 Manhandle
36 Gear teeth
37 Play out
39 Vegas winnings
41 Skin-related
43 Homer's interjection
44 Culture medium
46 Refuge
50 State with conviction
53 Gratuities
55 Start over
56 Platter
57 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
58 Adolescent

59 "You do the —"
60 Do some tailoring
61 Tatter
Down
1 Not fem.
2 On the briny
3 Thailand, once
4 Sternward
5 Seethe
6 Religious council
7 "Lassie" actress
8 Indivisible
9 With 10-Down, "— Unusual"
10 See 9-Down
12 "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" Oscar winner
19 Tin Man's need
21 Vagrant
23 Energy
25 Hen pen
26 Therefore
27 Examination
28 Coaster
29 Traffic pylon
30 Hebrew month
31 — Mahal
35 Bankroll
38 Playground game
40 Dove's comment
42 Gate fastener
45 Mature
47 Prognosticator



48 Notion
49 Composer's creation
50 Navy bigwig (Abbr.)

51 By way of
52 Superlative ending
54 Singer Tillis

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

NZ MEBUOEYL YUHEXKHUY
URTWEMNSUM OL LEA. N
URTUH HGKH BNFHG GKSU K
OWKMHNXP UZZUIH EX LEA.
Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF A PERSON IS WAY
TOO FOND OF FRIGATES AND DESTROYERS,
SOME MIGHT SAY IT'S WARSHIP WORSHIP.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals Y

Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

You would be wise to keep your money in your pocket today. What ever gains you have made in recent weeks, you could lose.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

Your persuasive powers are such that anyone will believe what you tell them. Should you take advantage of that fact financially? Of course.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

Plans you made a long time ago are beginning to bear fruit, so keep your nerve and keep things moving.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Go out of your way to talk with people you don't usually get along with. It pays to be friendly.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

Try to be a more ambitious and more assertive. Let important people know you're ready to move up.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

Anyone who tries to scare you into doing something you don't want to do will fail abysmally.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

You may be tempted to bet against the odds today but before you gamble with your future, ask yourself whether you can afford to lose.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

Don't keep your feelings to yourself today. Show emotions. People will respond to you better if they can see that you are vulnerable.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

According to the planets, you need to streamline your daily routine so you have more time to yourself.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

Don't waste time lamenting your run of bad fortune because it is already beginning to end.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

When pushed to extremes, you can mix it with the best of them and today you must not allow yourself to be defamed by someone.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

You may be a nice guy but every now and then you go right the other way and reveal your ruthless streak.

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Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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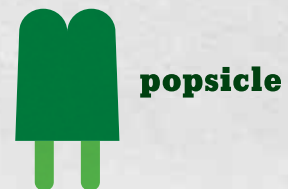
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